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# L'EMPEREUR SMITH



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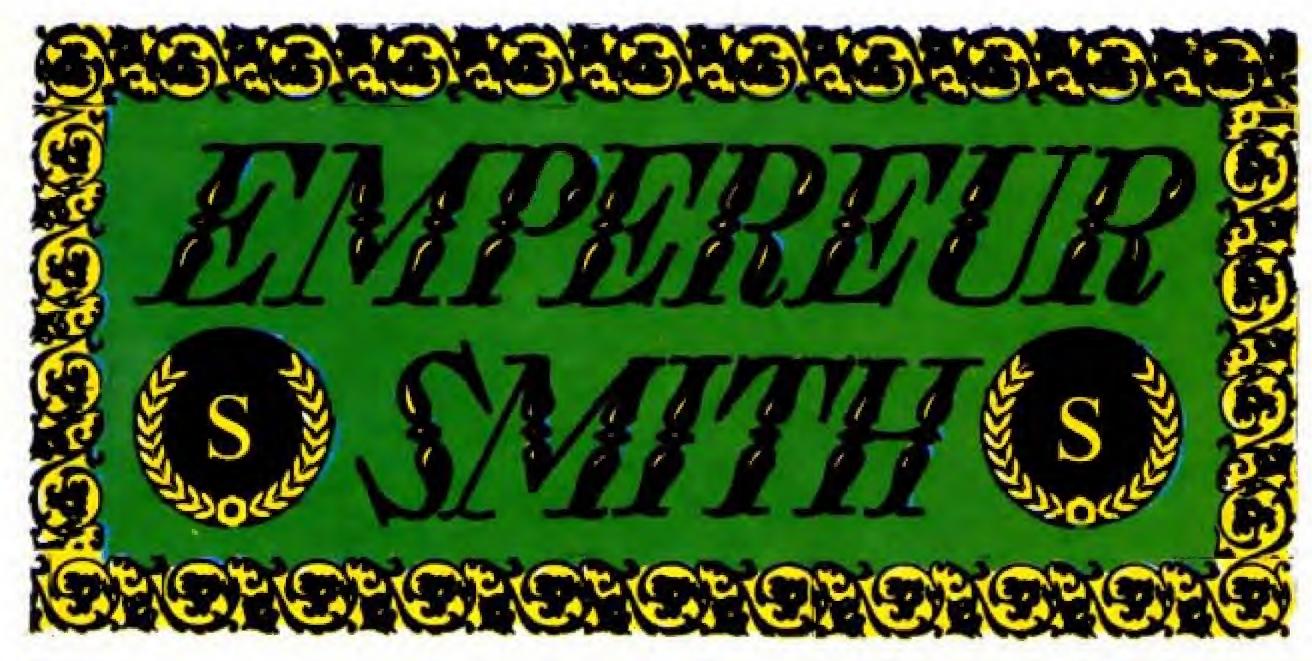
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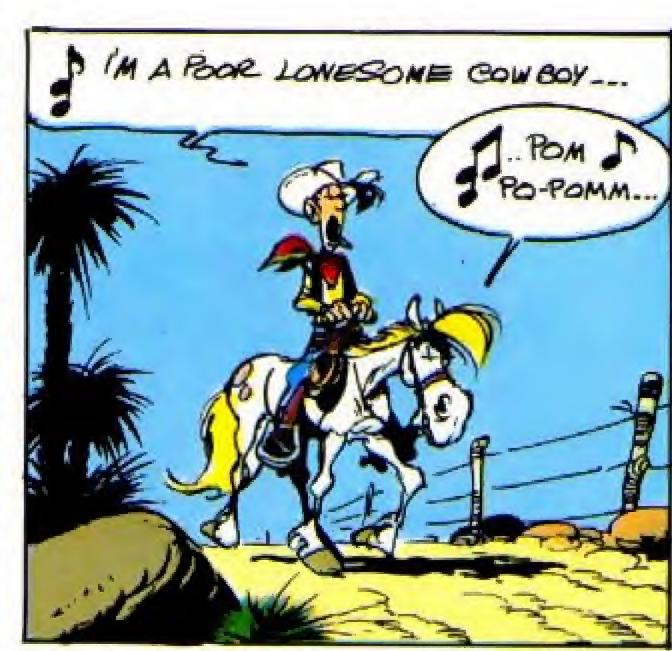
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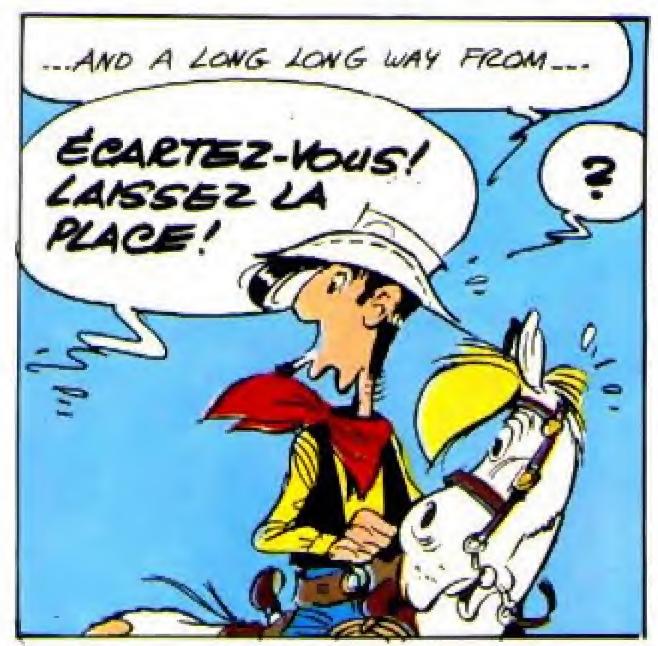
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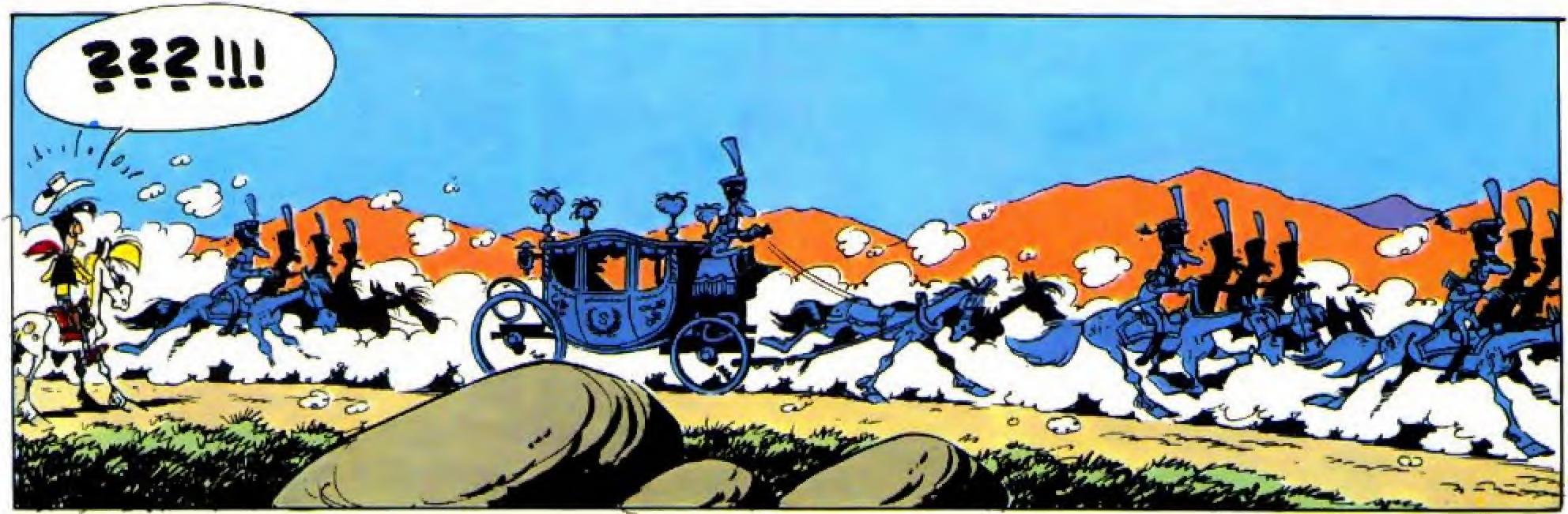


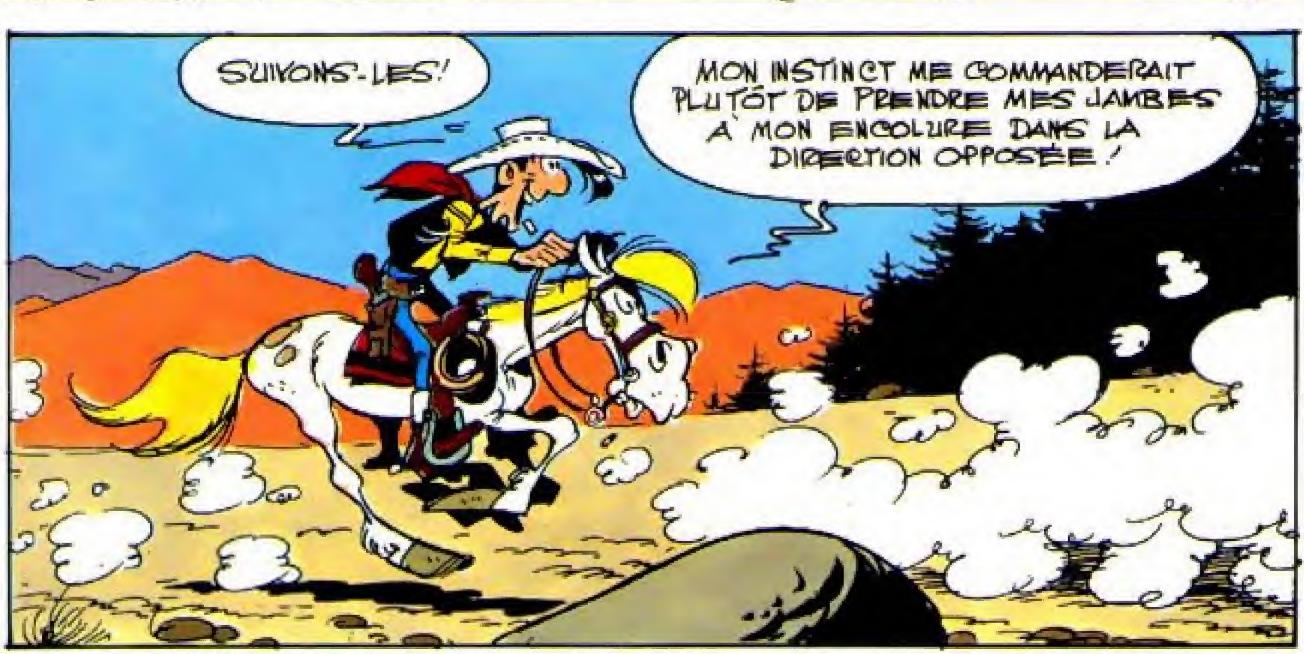


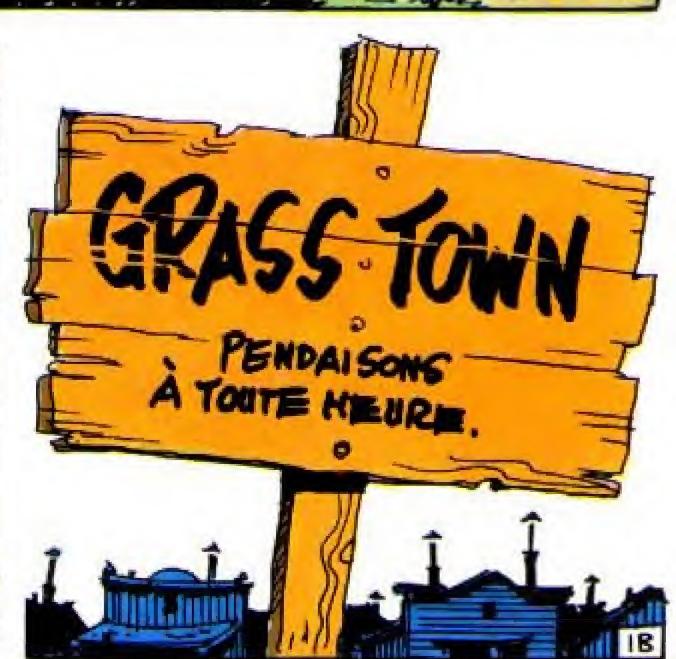


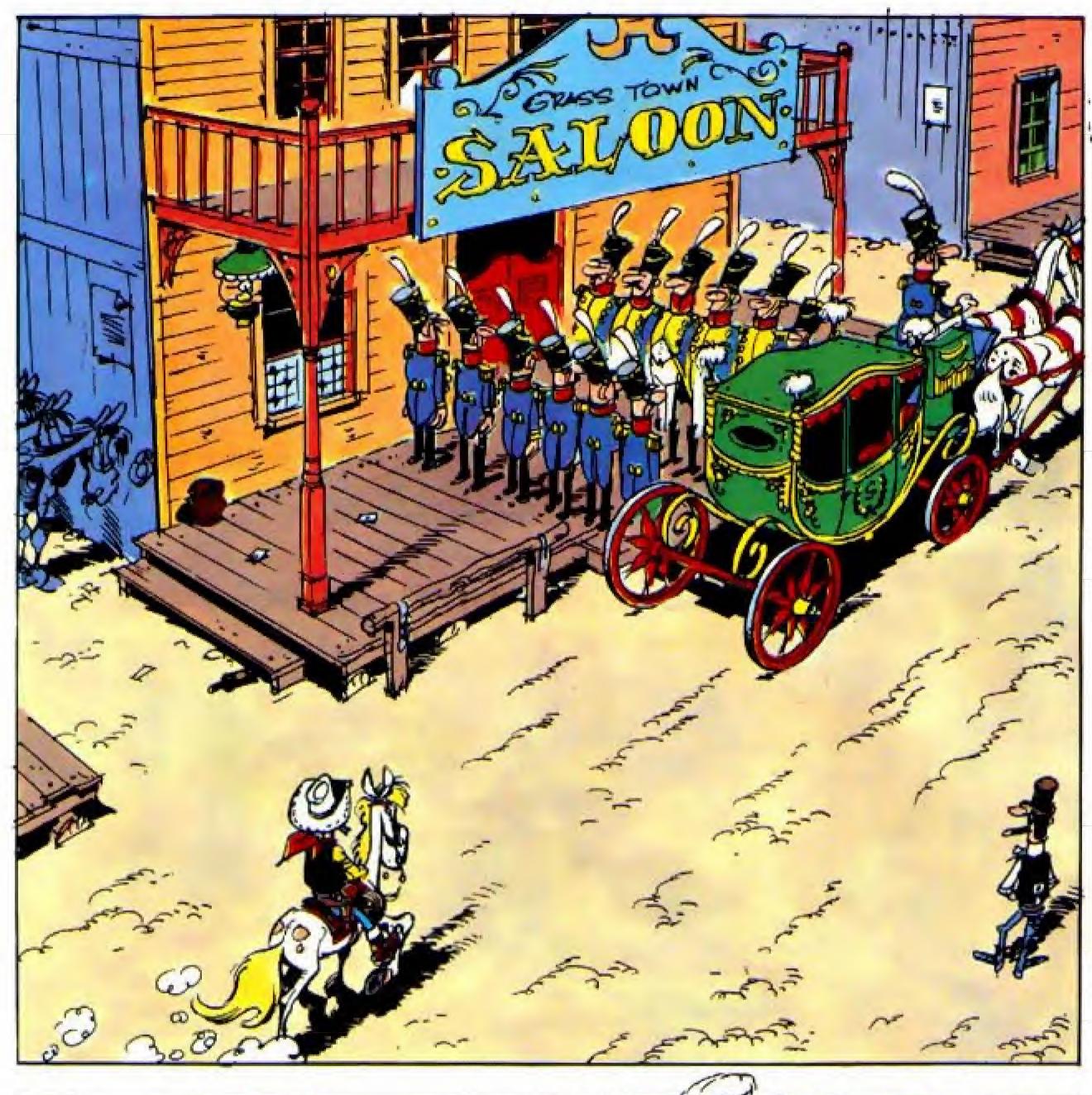


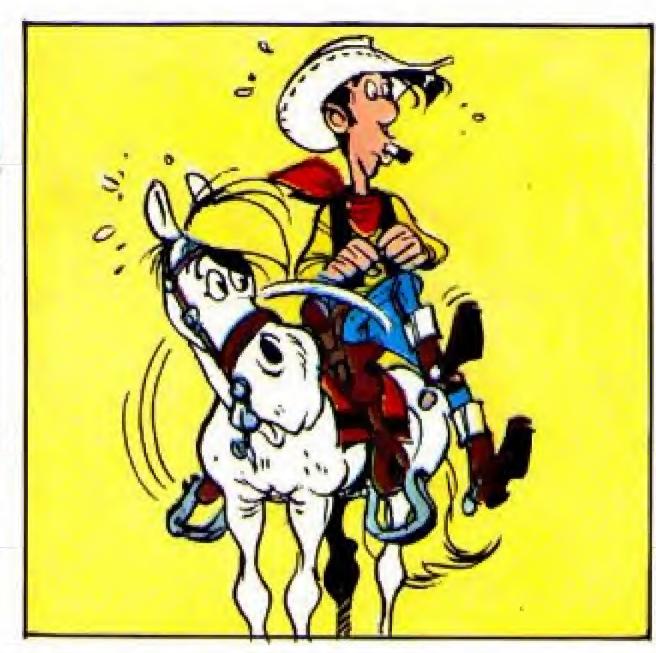




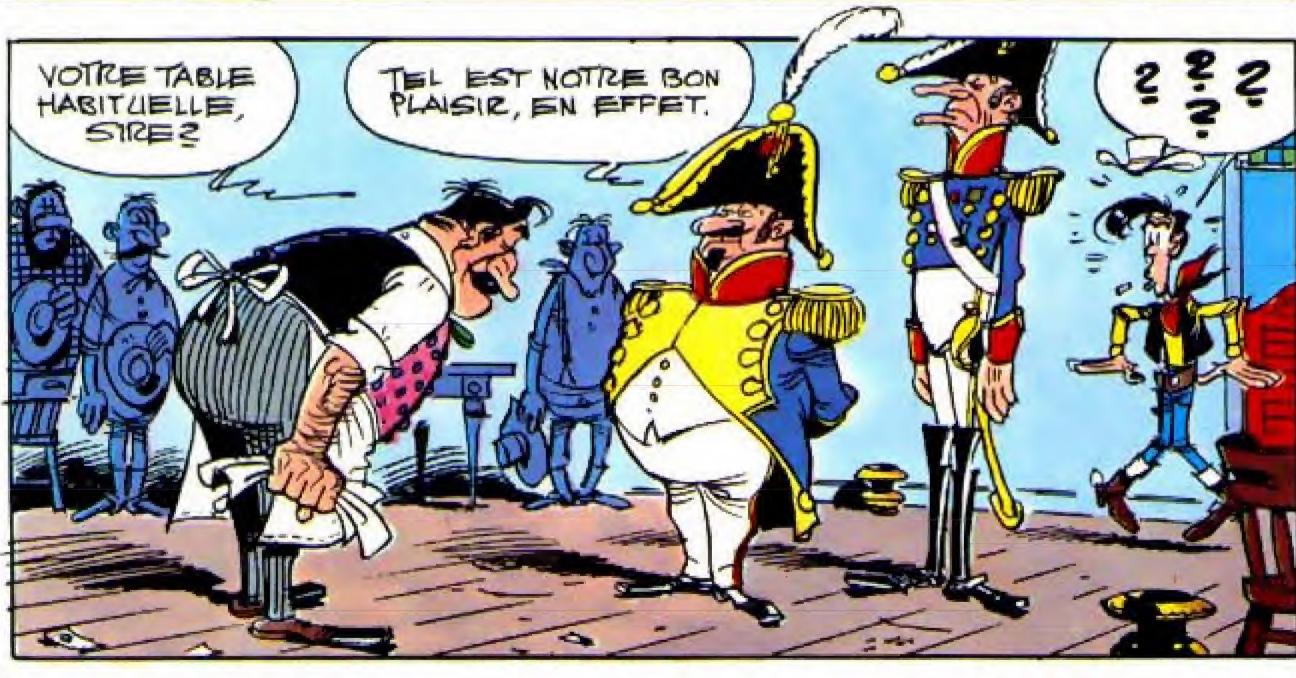




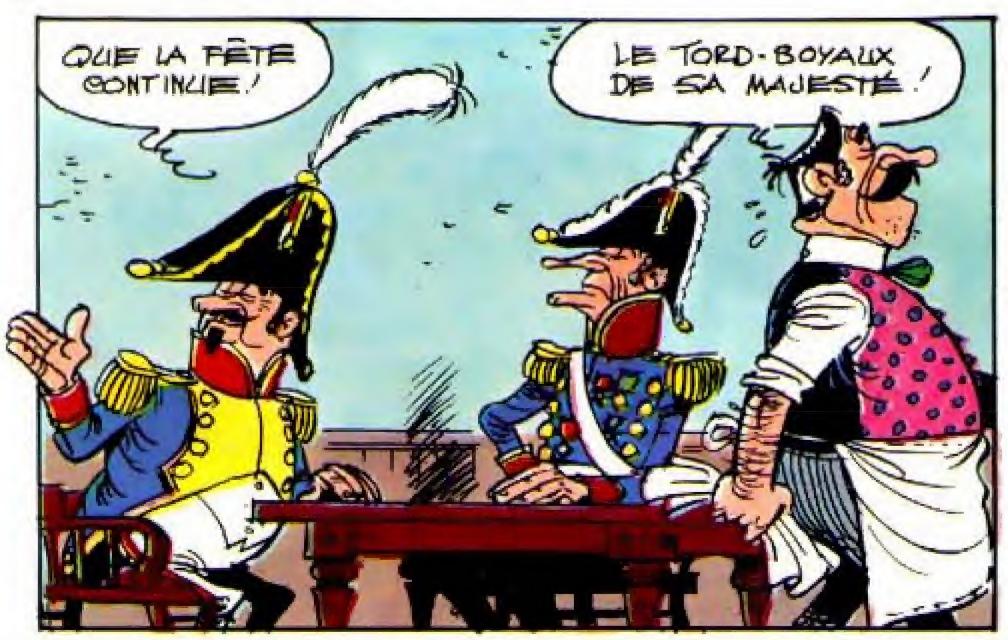


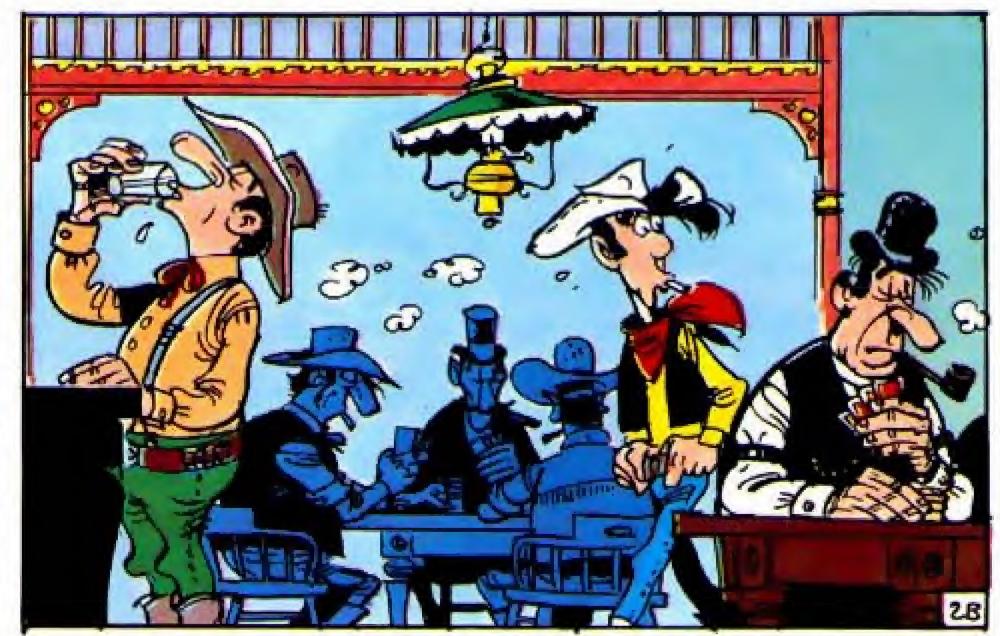
























SON IMMENSE FORTUNE LUI A

PERMIS D'ENGAGER LINE PETITE

COMME SMITH EST INOFFENSIF,
TOUT LE MONDE FAIT SEMBLANT
DE LE PRENDRE AU SÉRIEUX.
CA LUI FAIT PLAISIR ET CA
AMUSE LES GENS...



OUAIS! ON LUI ECRIT DES LETTRES SIGNÉES PAR DES QHEFS D'ETAT DU MONDE ENTIER! ET NOTRE JOURNAL LOCAL PUBLIE SES PROCLAMATIONS!



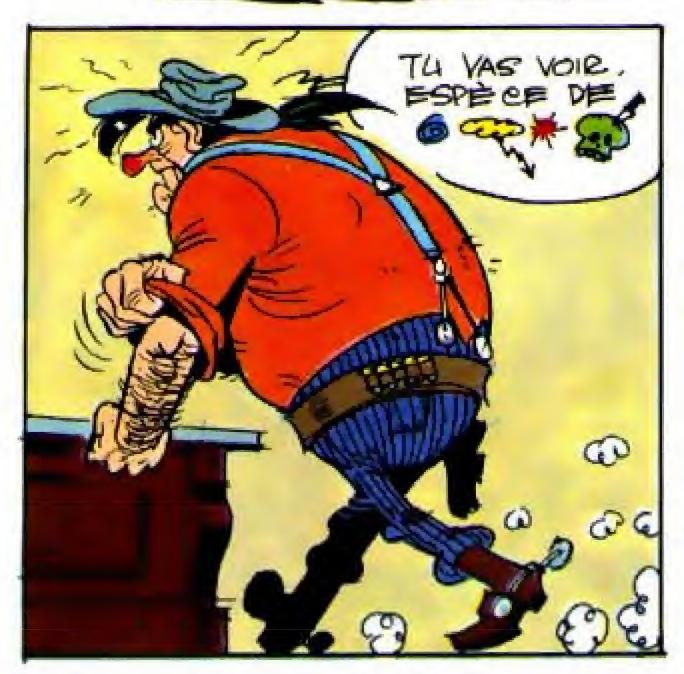








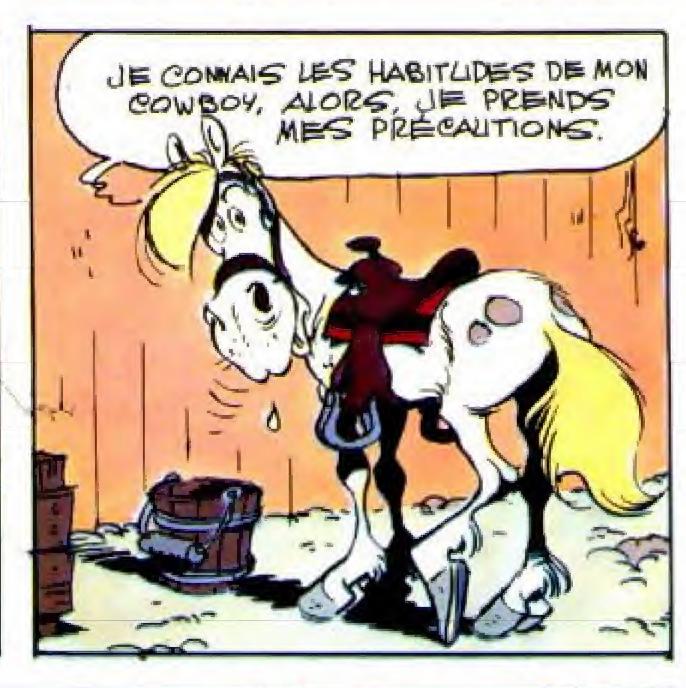


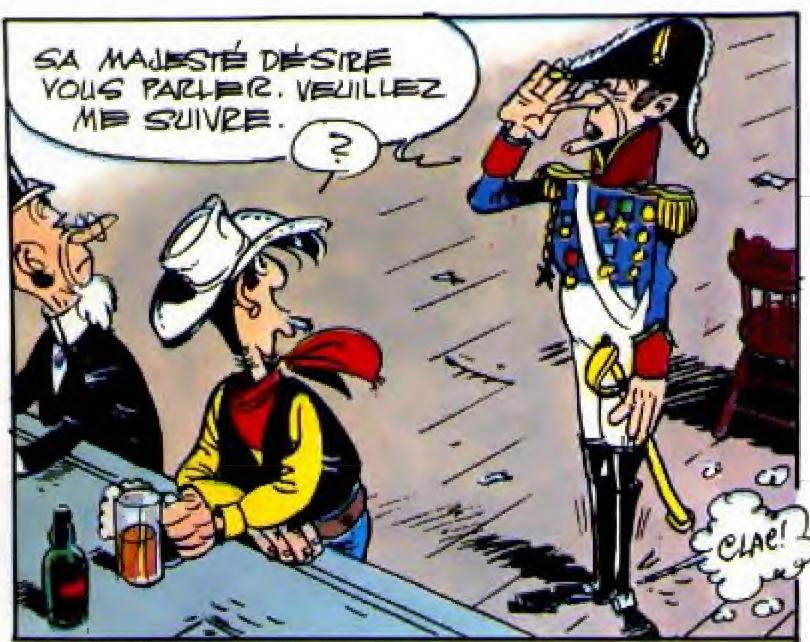


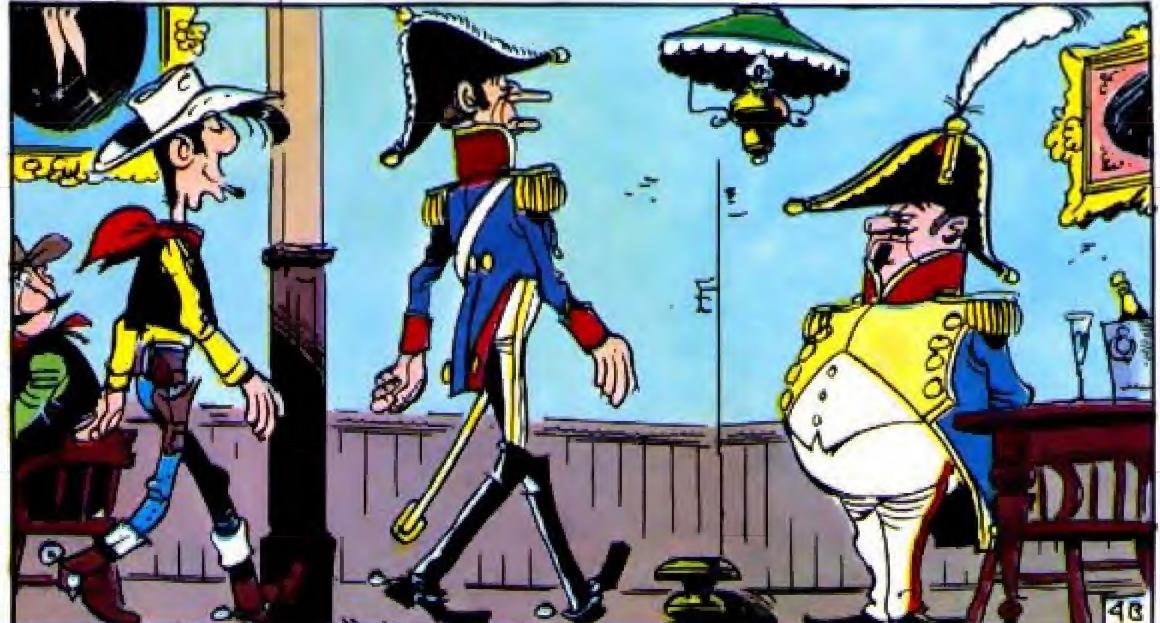
























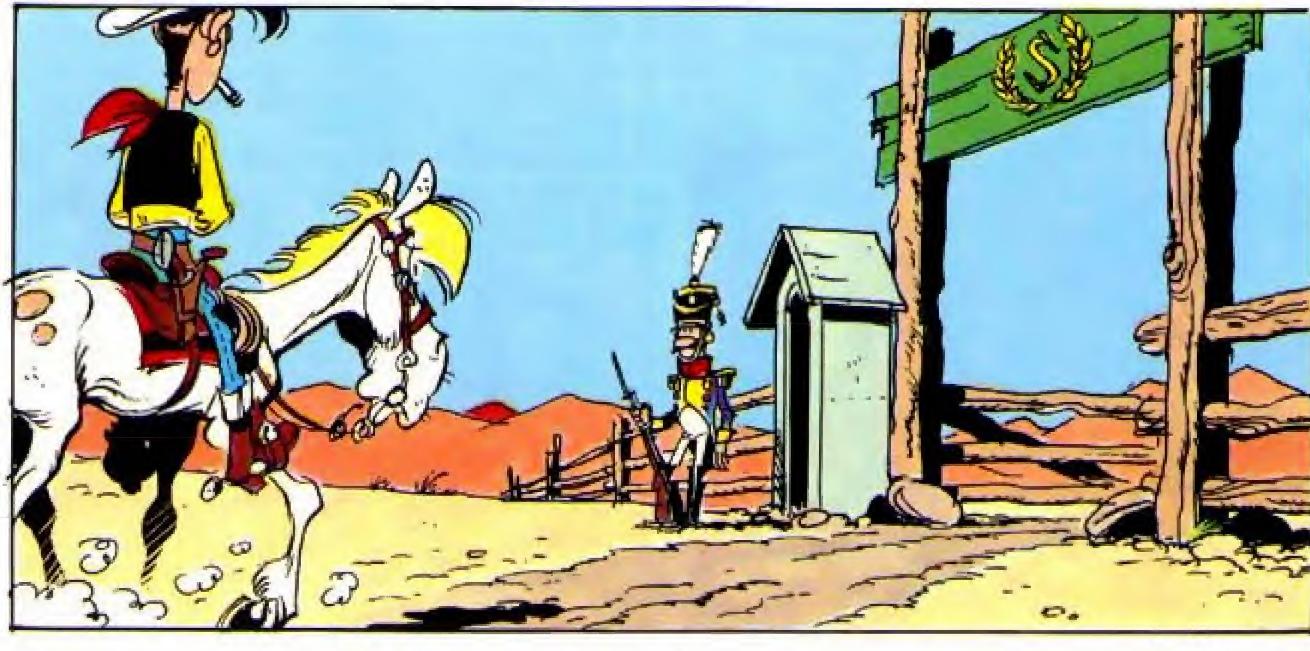






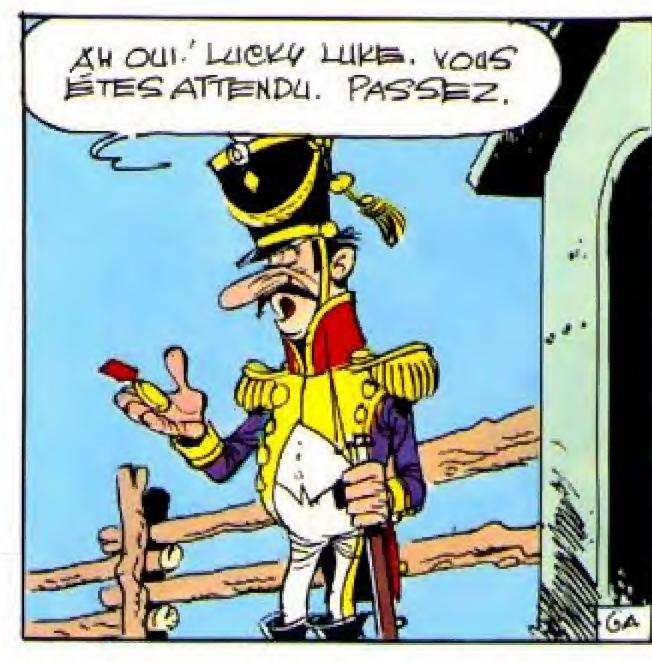


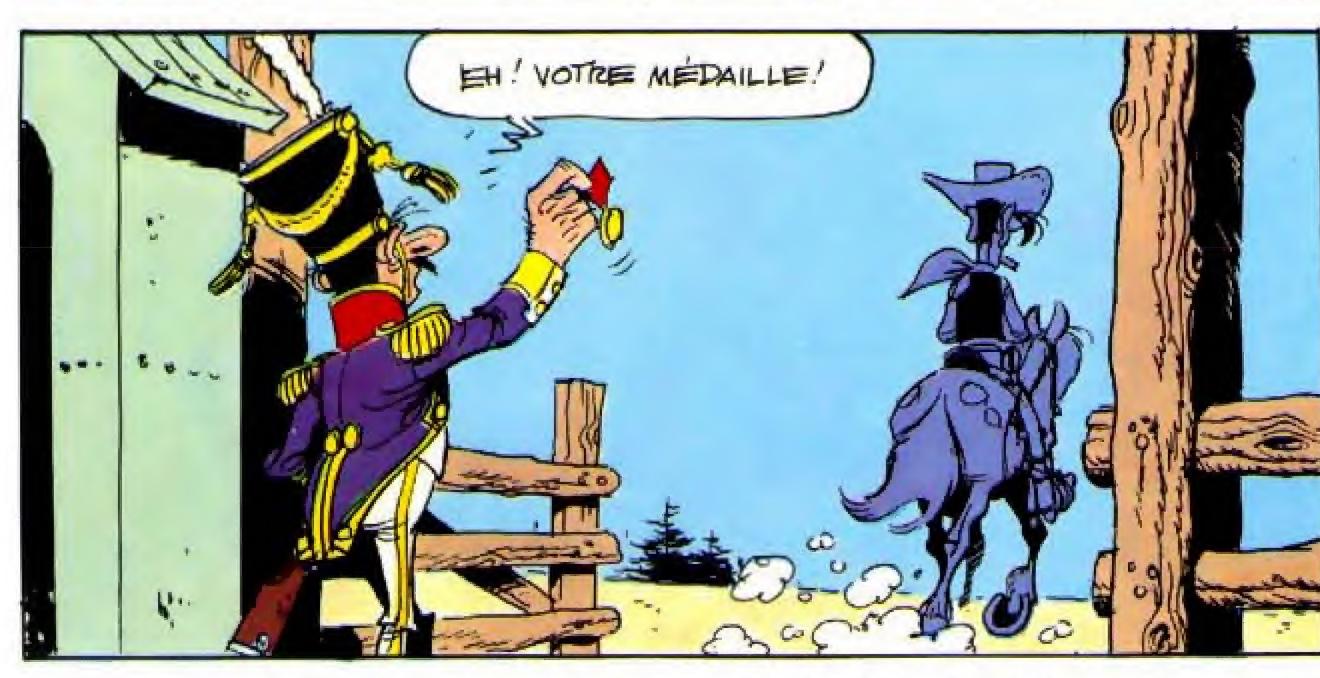


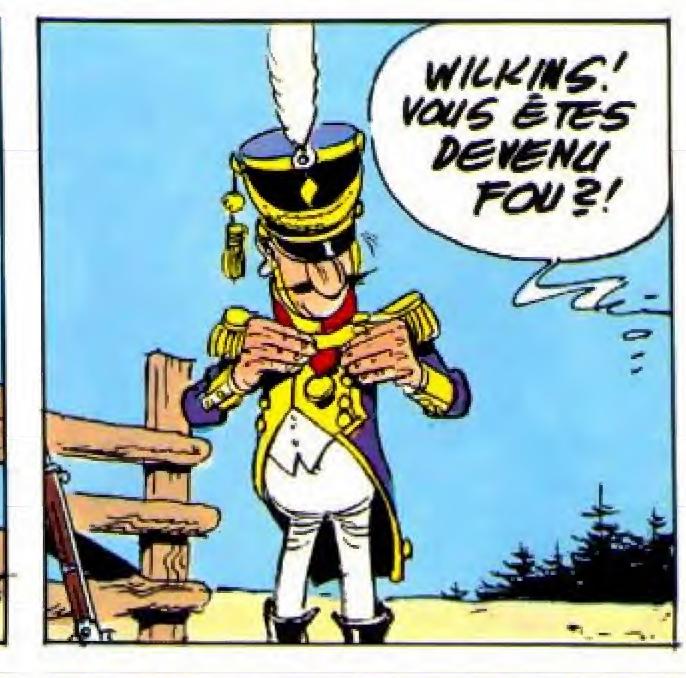




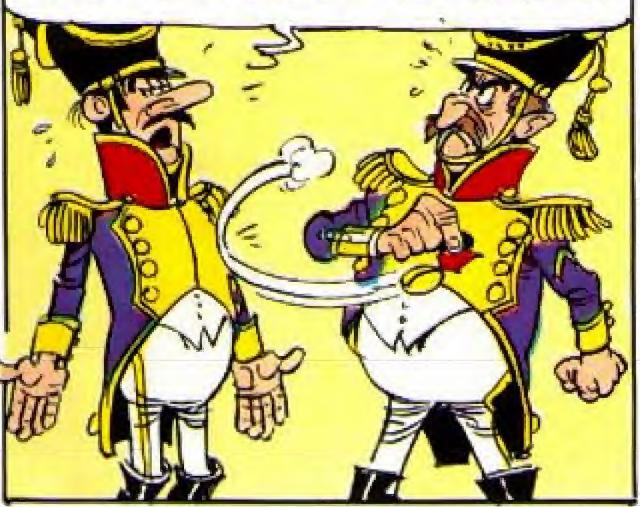






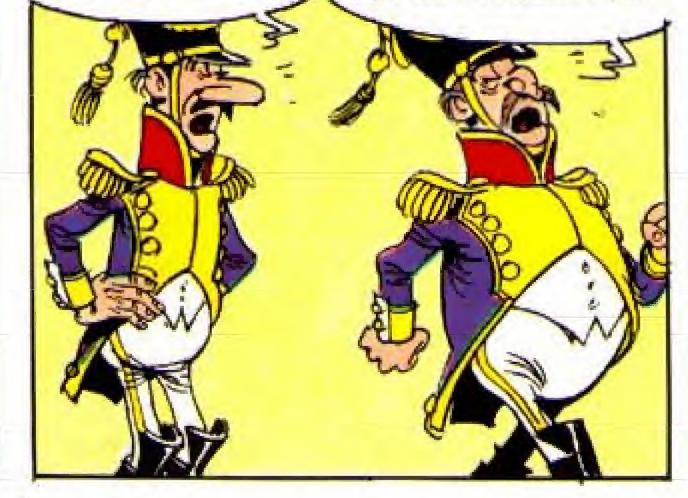






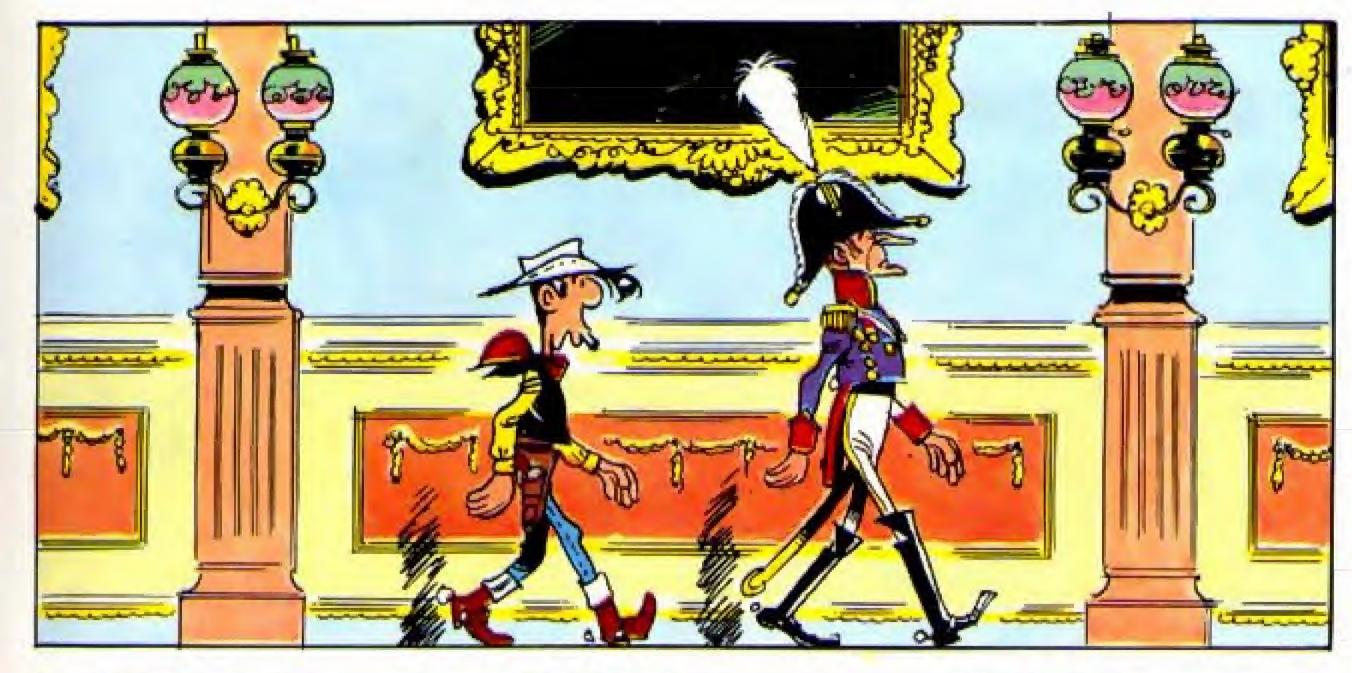
QUE NOUS SOMMES
PAYES POUR JOUER
ALL PETIT SOLDAT,
MAIS---

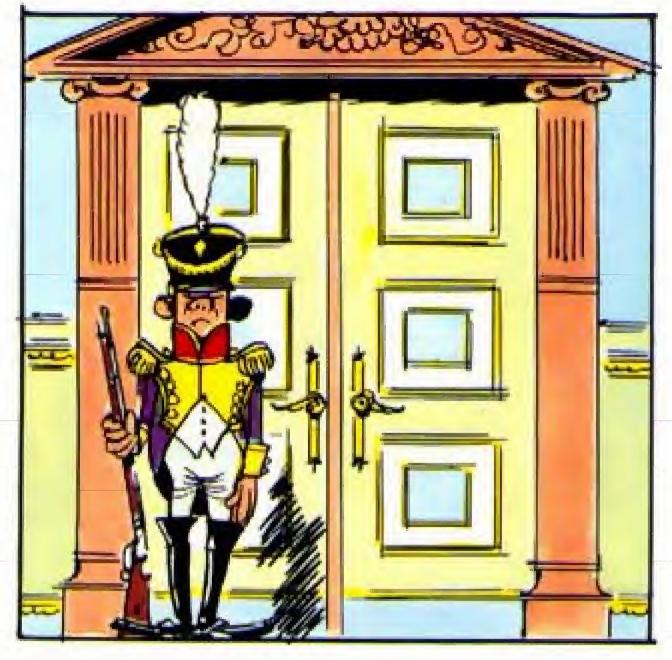
JAIME MIEUX JOUER AU PETIT SOLDAT QUE COURIR APRÈS LES VACHES TOUTE MA VIE, IMBÉCILE!

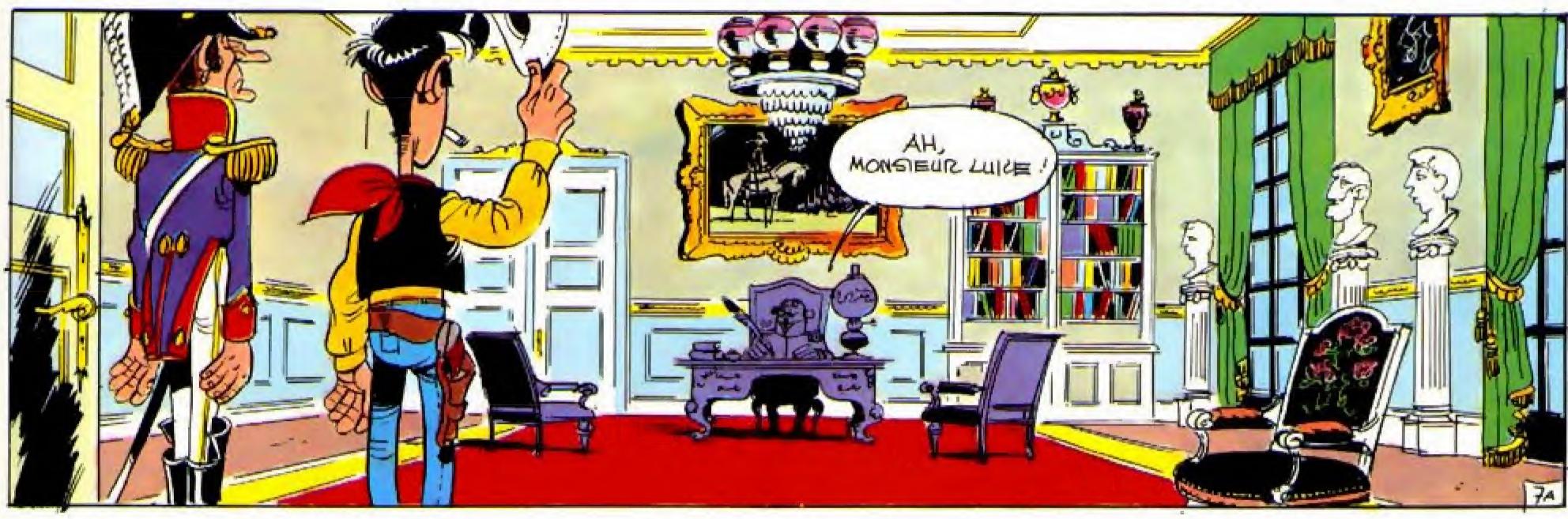


YOUR AURIEZ PU VOUS CHANGER.







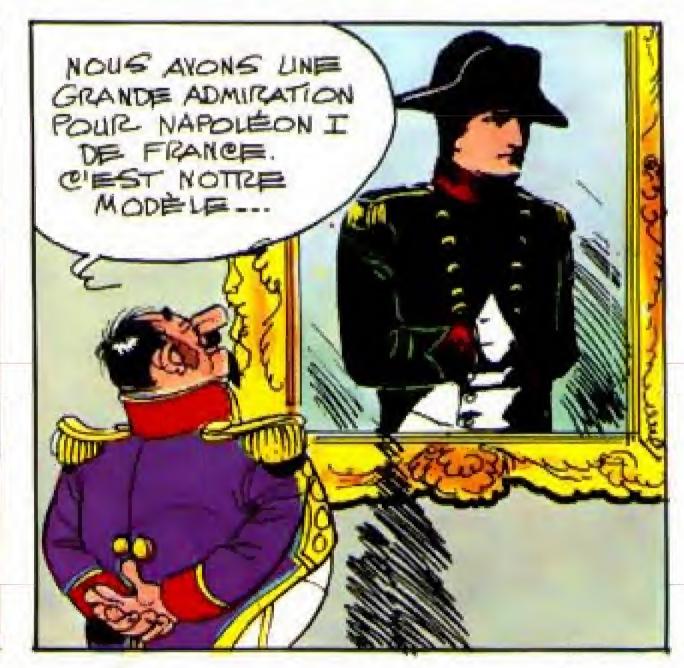


NOUS ÉTIONS EN TRAIN DE RÉPONDRE À NOTRE CHÊRE COUSINE VICTORIA ...

CETTE PALIVIRE REINE NOUS A ENCORE ÉCRIT POUR NOUS PROPOSEIR LE MARIAGE. ÉVIDEMMENT CE SERAIT UNE BELLE ALLIAN CE ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS, MAIS NOUS PRÉPÈRERIONS ÉPOUSEIR LINE DESCENDANTE DE NAPOLÉON ---

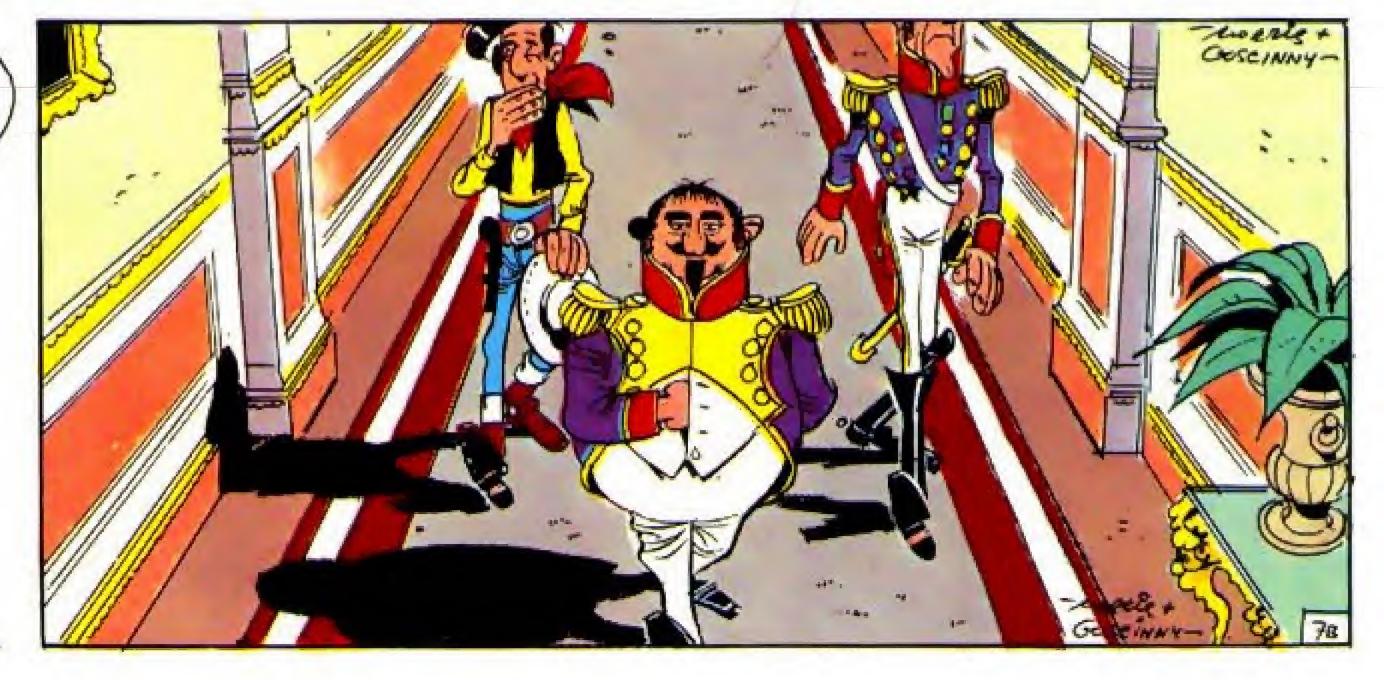


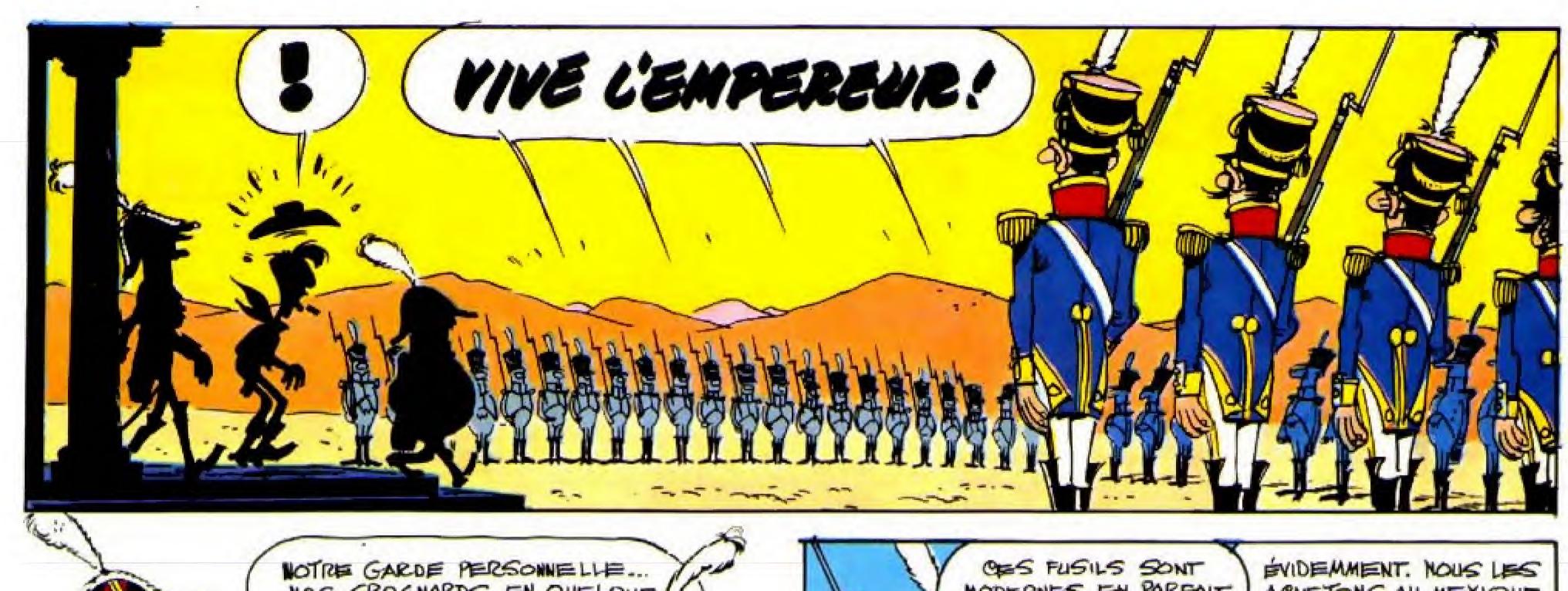




À PRÉSENT, POUR VOUS REMERCIER DE VÉMINENT SERVICE RENDU, NOUS ALLONS VOUS FAIRE VISITER NOTRE DOMAINE.

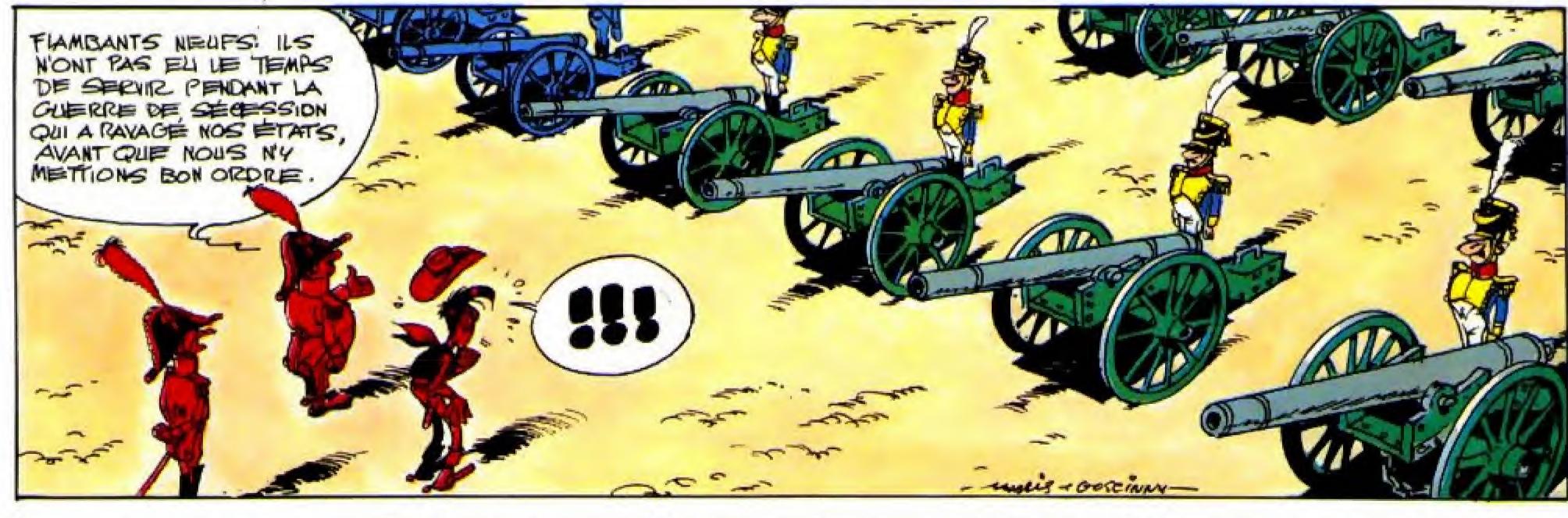














DU CALME, COLONEL. JE NE PEUX PAS ACCEPTER CETTE PROPOSITION.

MOIS VOUS OFFRONS \$5000 PAR.
MOIS ET LA POSSIBILITÉ DE DEVENIR.
MARECHAL DE L'EMPIRE, PRINCE DU
RIO GRANDE ET DUC DE HOUSTON.









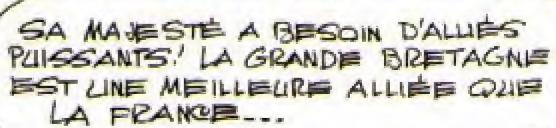
CEST NOTRE COUSIN GUILLAUME,
LE ROI DE PRUSSE, QUI NOUS ÉCRIT.
IL EST ASSEZ MAL EMBOUCHÉ; IL
COMMENCE TOUTES SES LETTRES
PAR "MON P'IT POTE"...



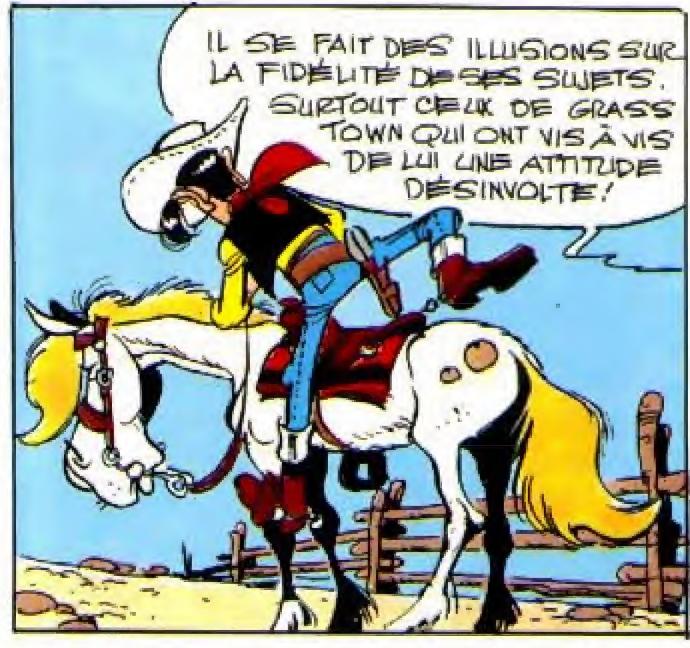


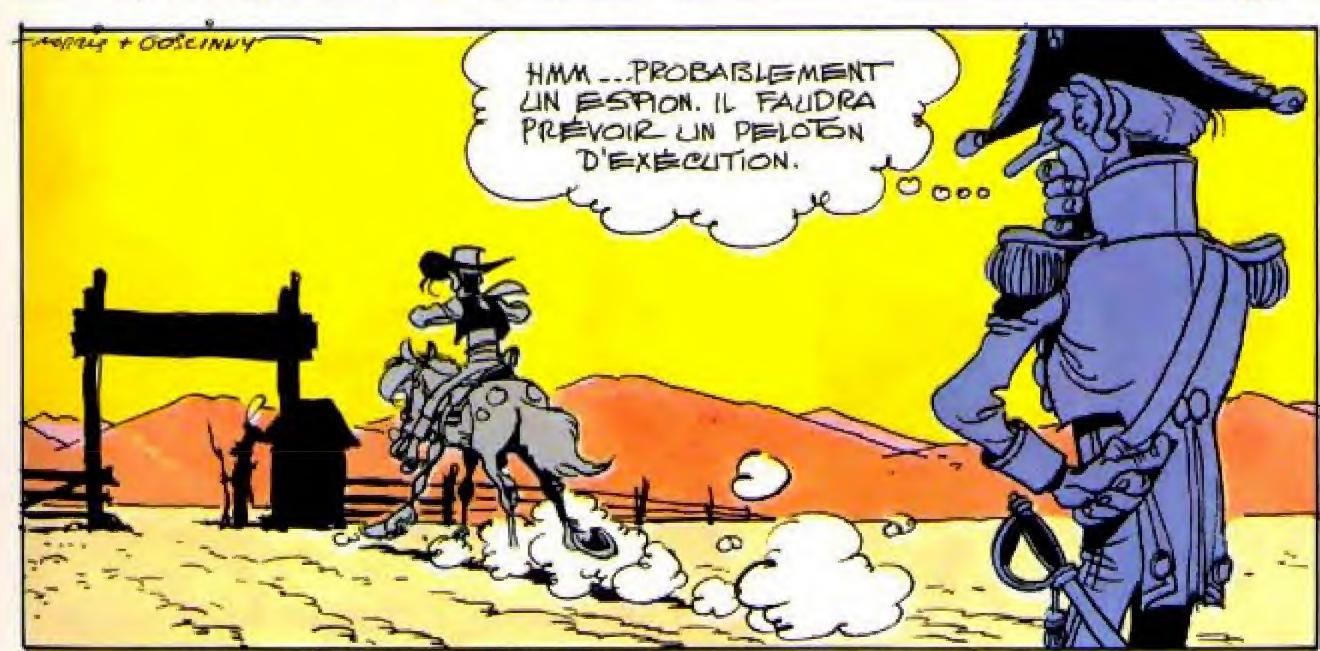


AH? PARPAITEMENT. SA MAJESTE A
TORT DE REFLISER LES DEMANDES
EN MARIAGE DE VICTORIA. ...







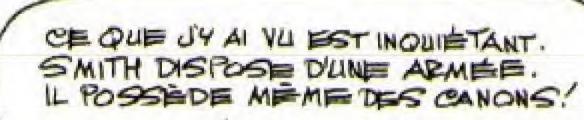














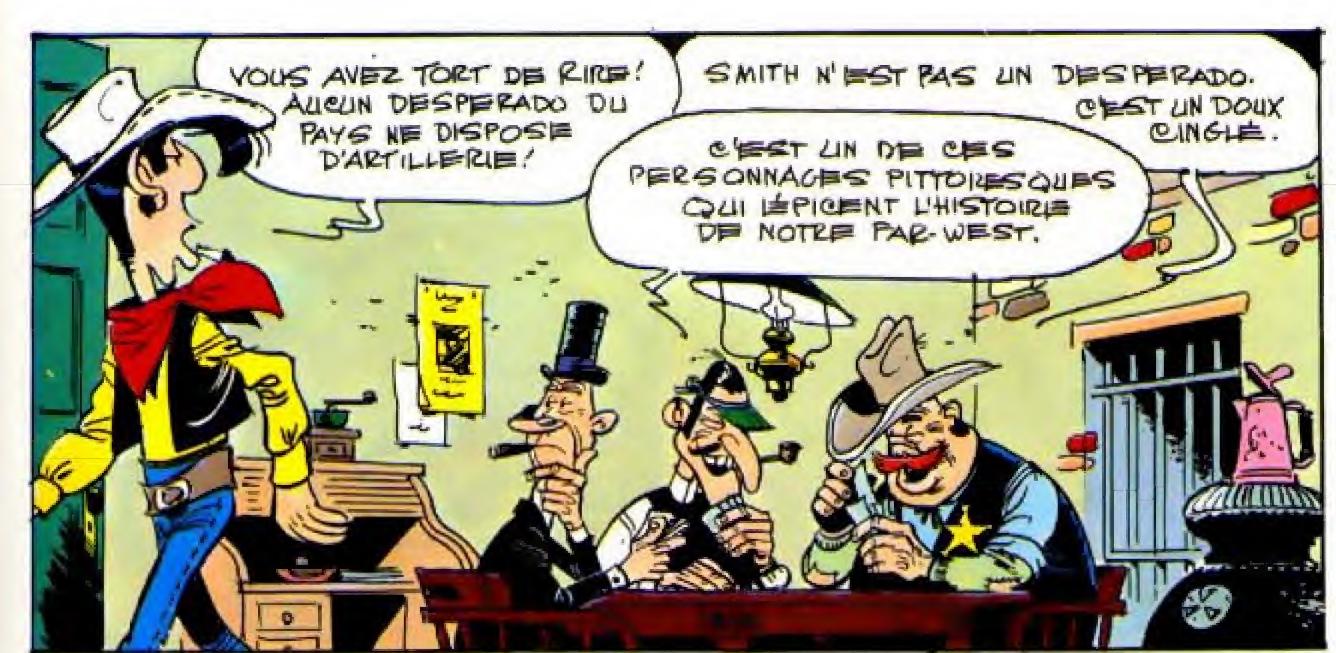




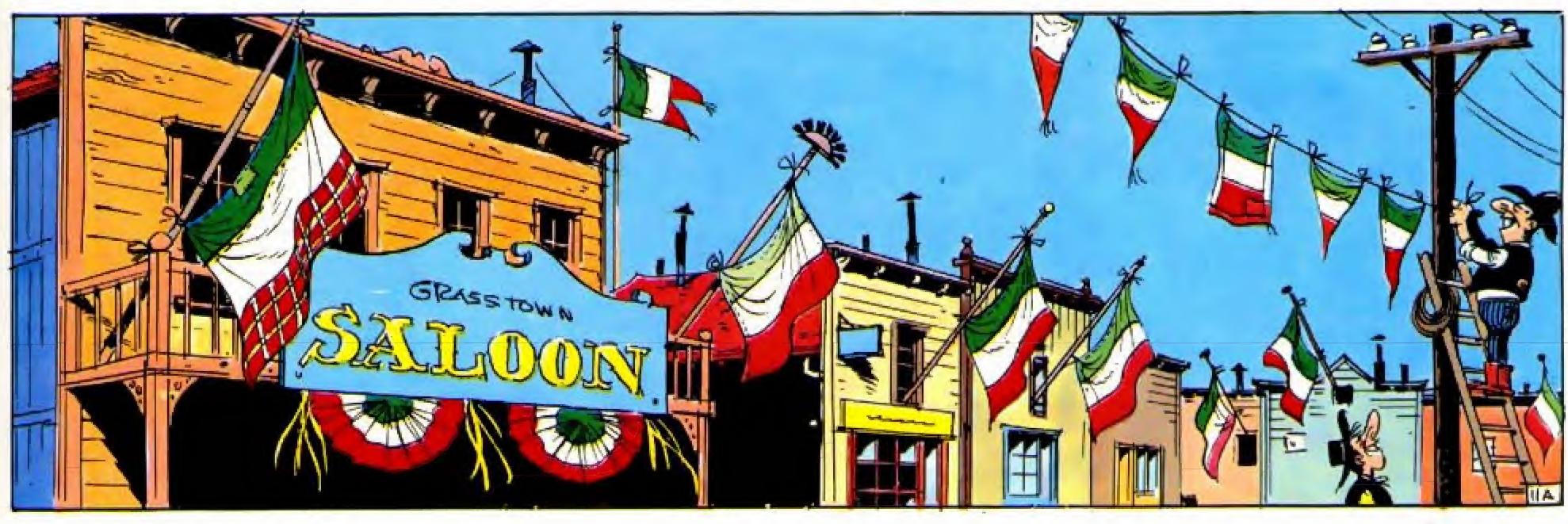






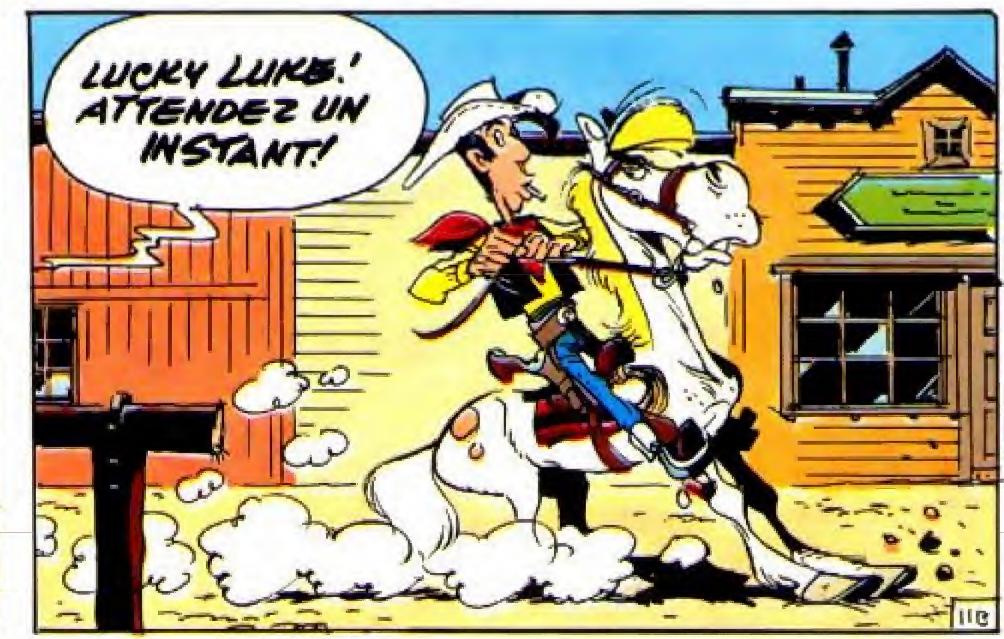




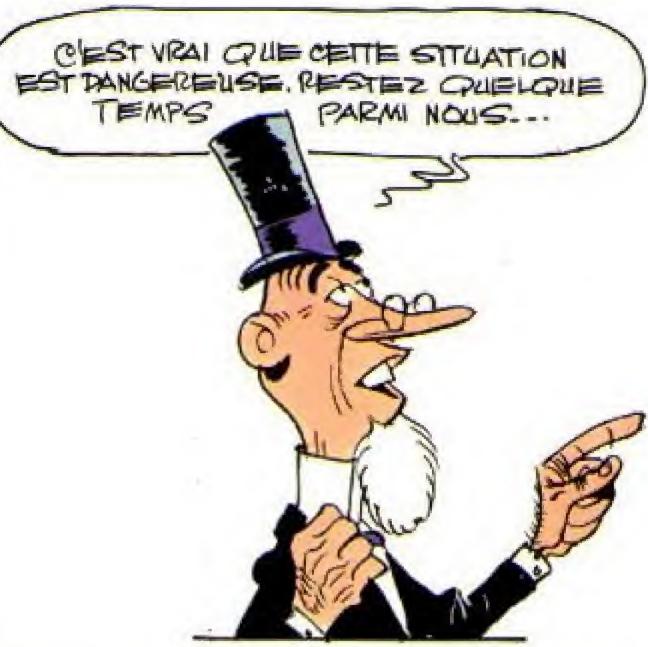


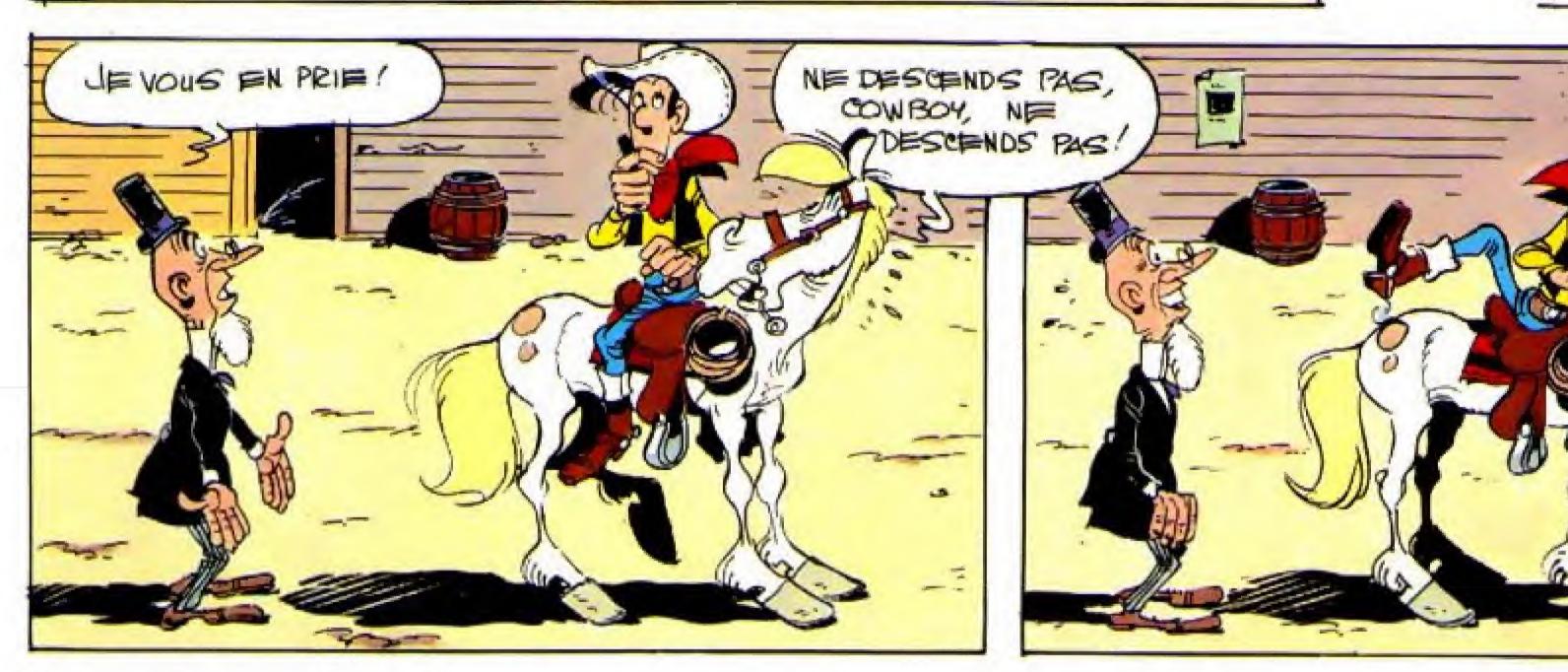


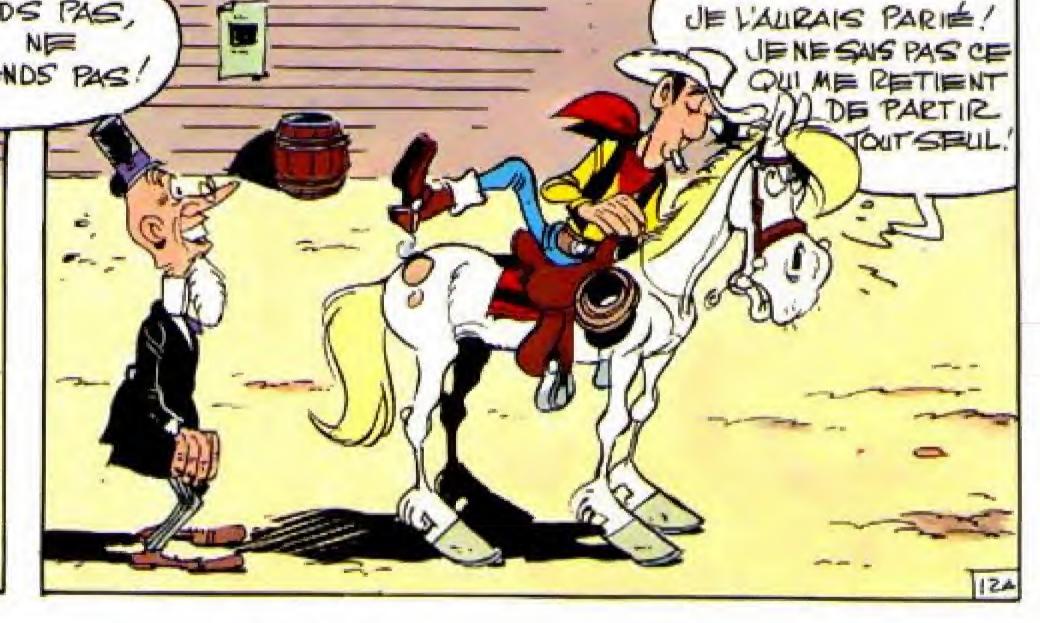




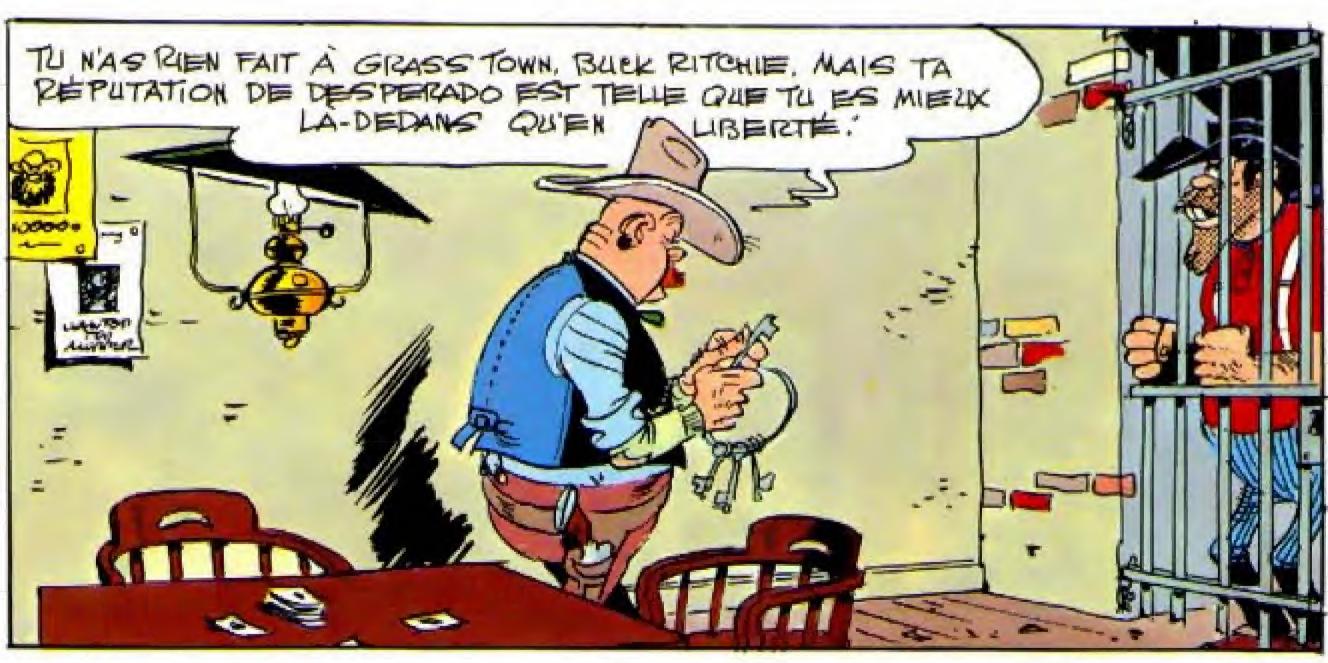


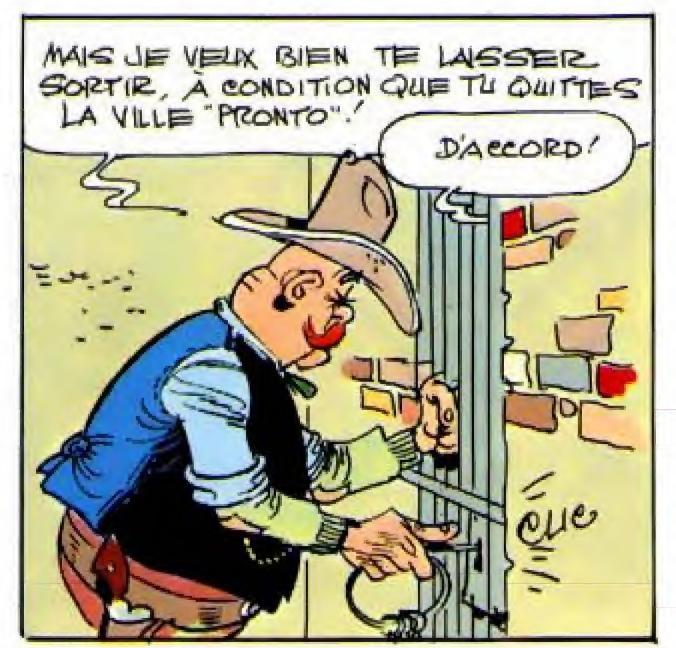








































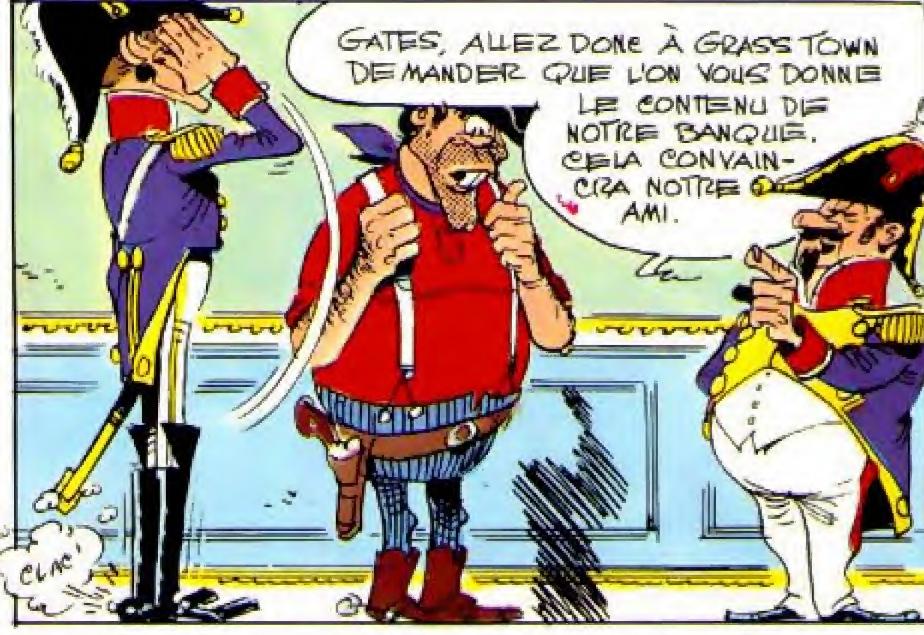






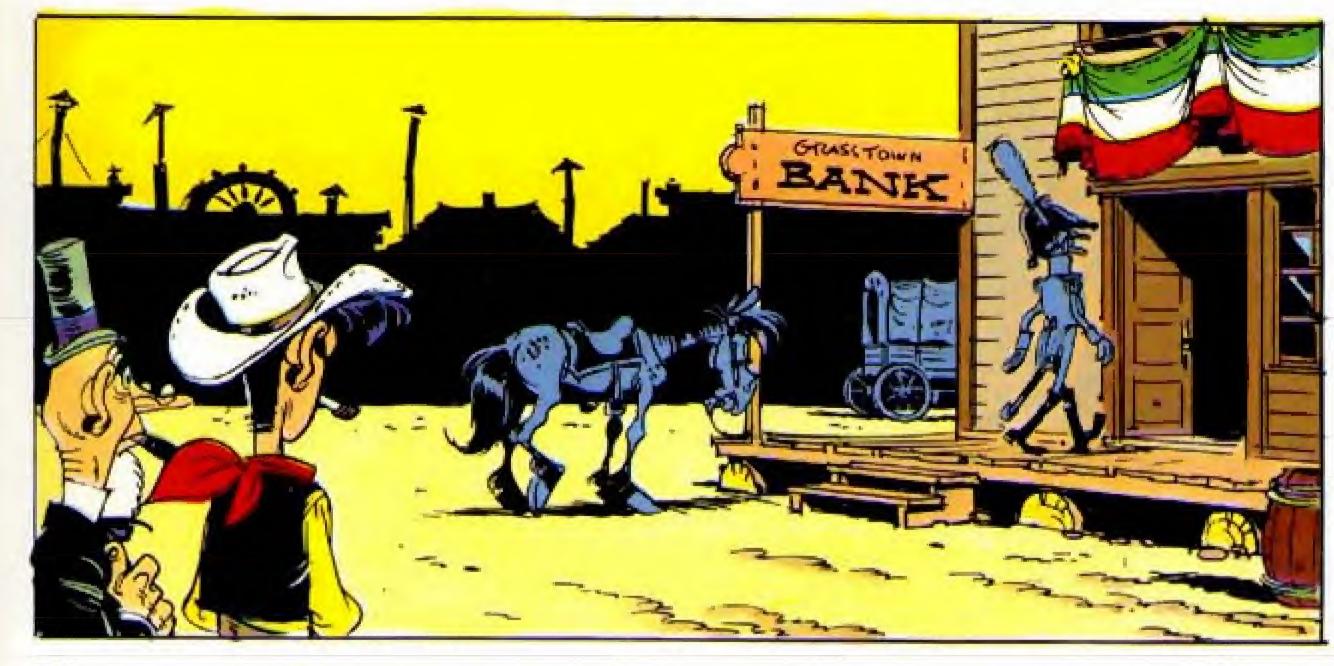
















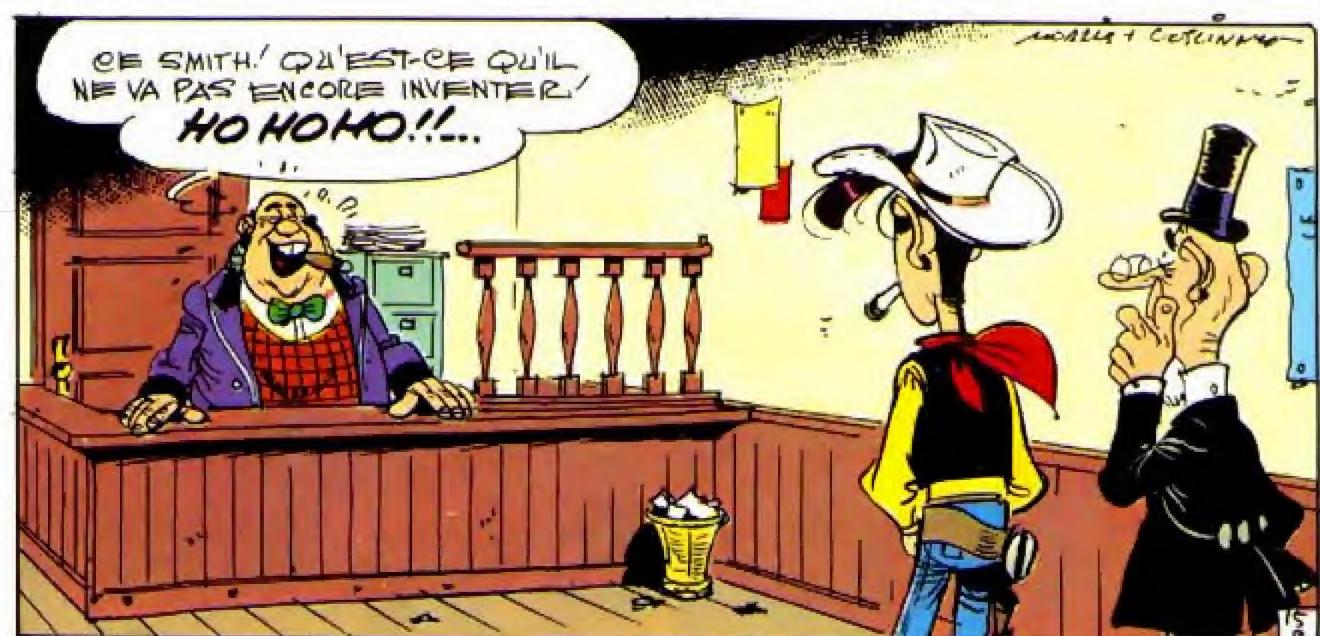




















NOUS VOUS NOMMONS PRINCE
DE PHOENIX, DUC DE TUCSON, ET
NOUS VOUS OFFRONS LE POSTE DE
NOTIZE MINISTRE DES AFPAIRES
ETRANGERES!



































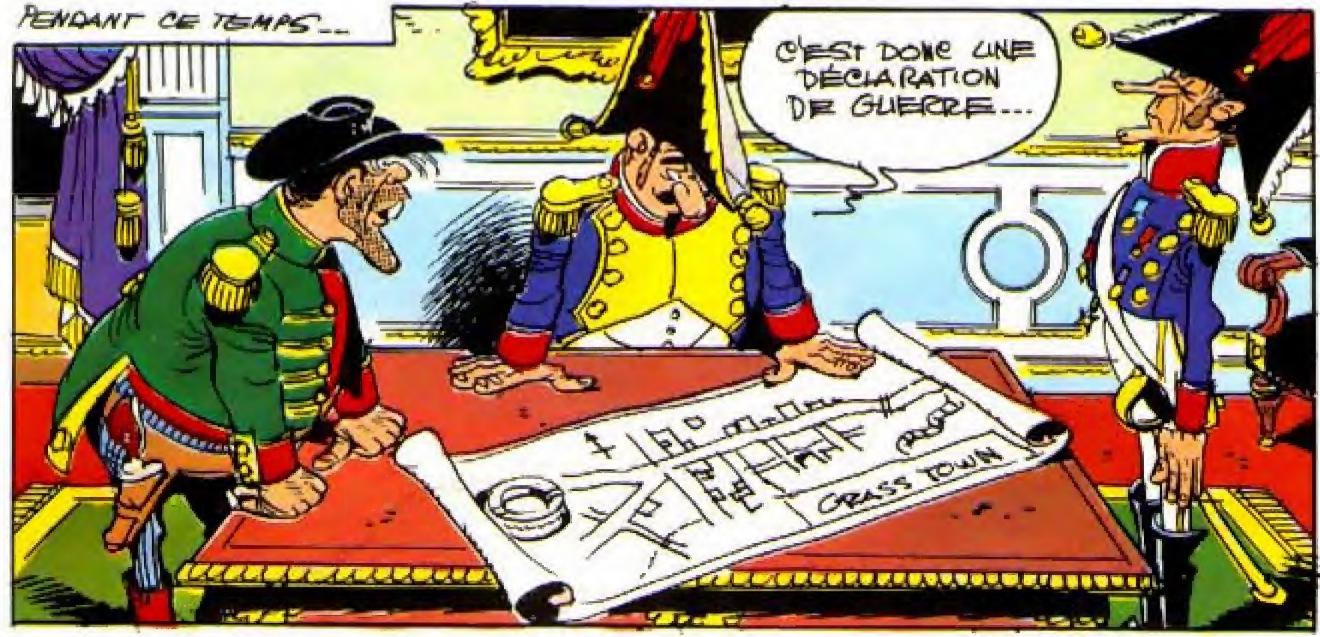








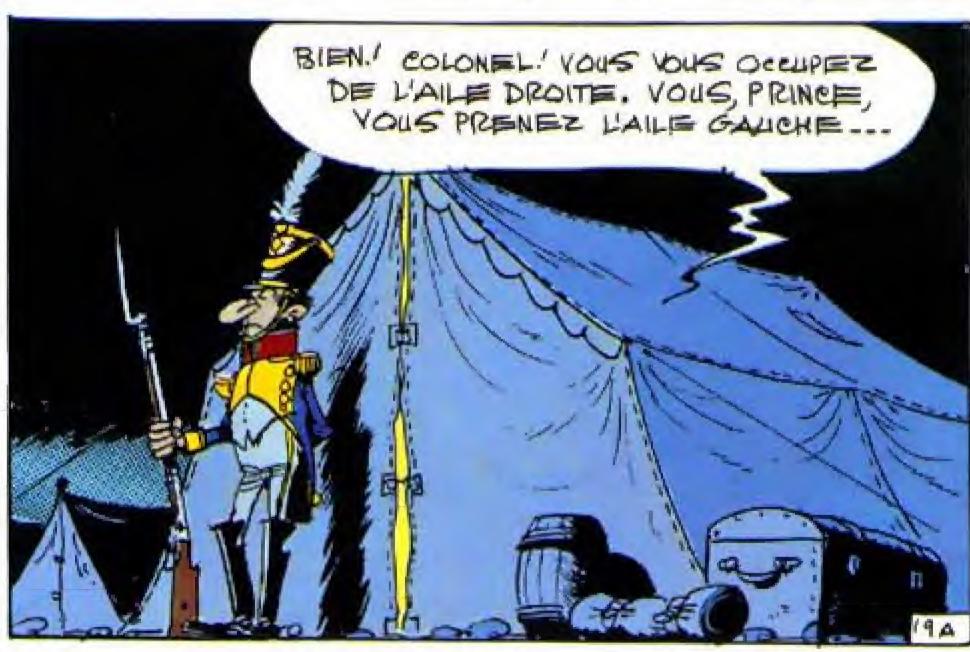














ASSEZ DE SALADES! GATES!

VOUS TERRORISEREZ LES FOIES

JAUNES DU PATELIN! MOI, JE

PRENDS LES CANONS ET JE

M'OCCUPE DE LA BANQUE!















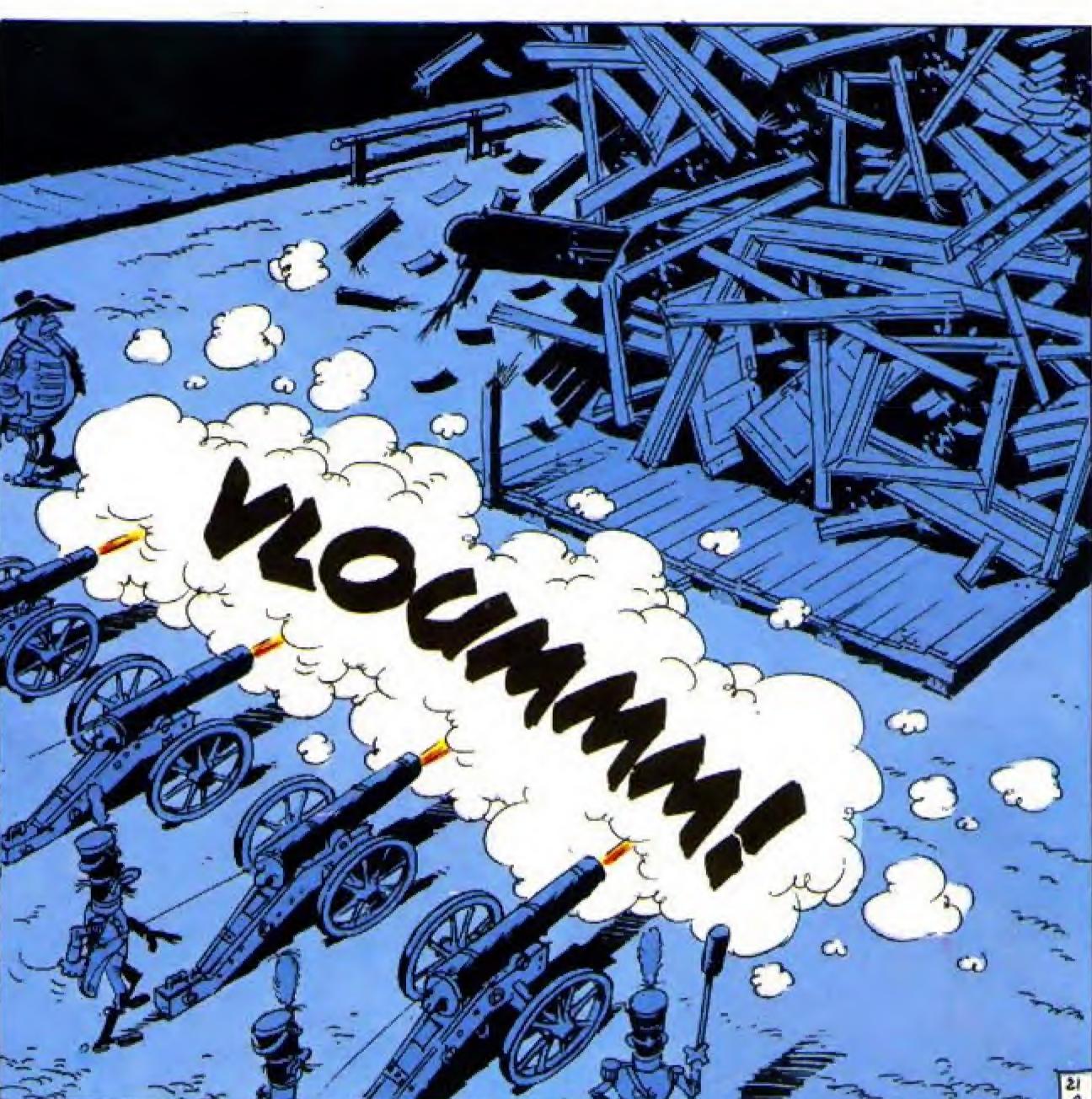


















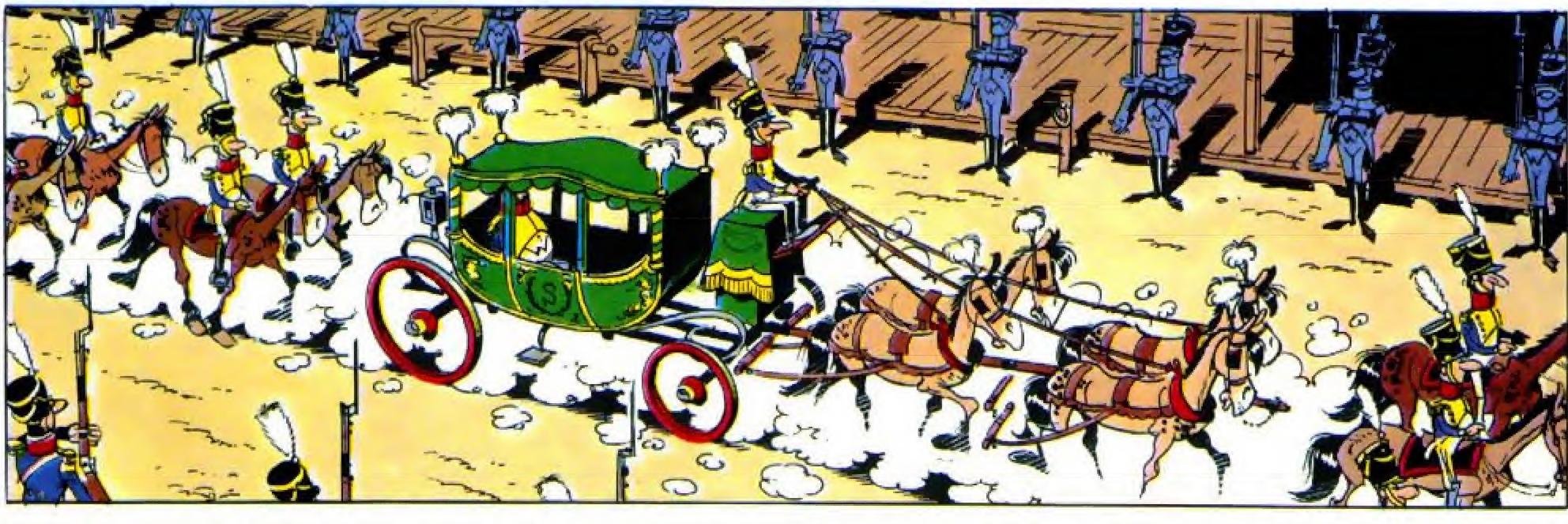








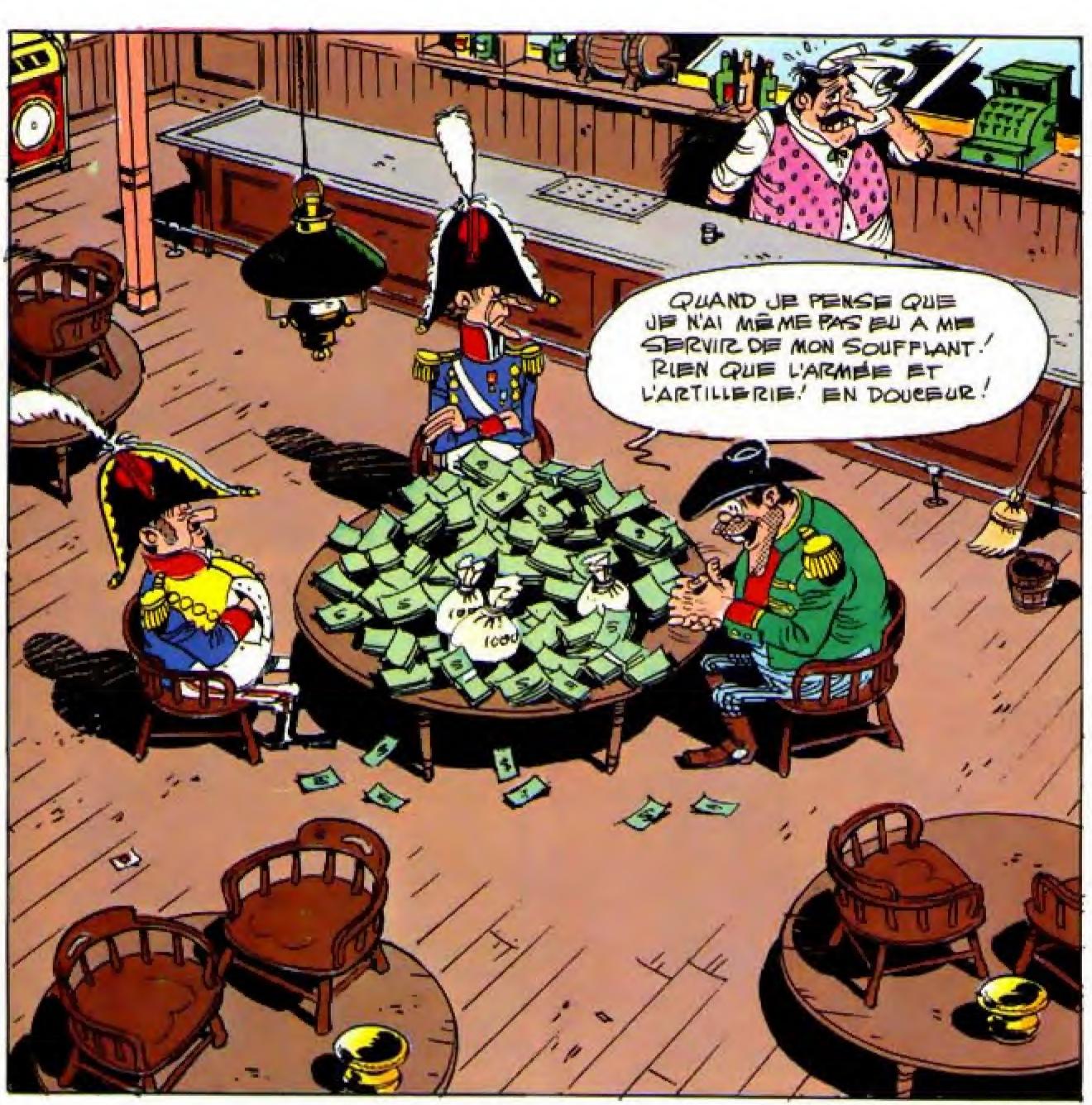




























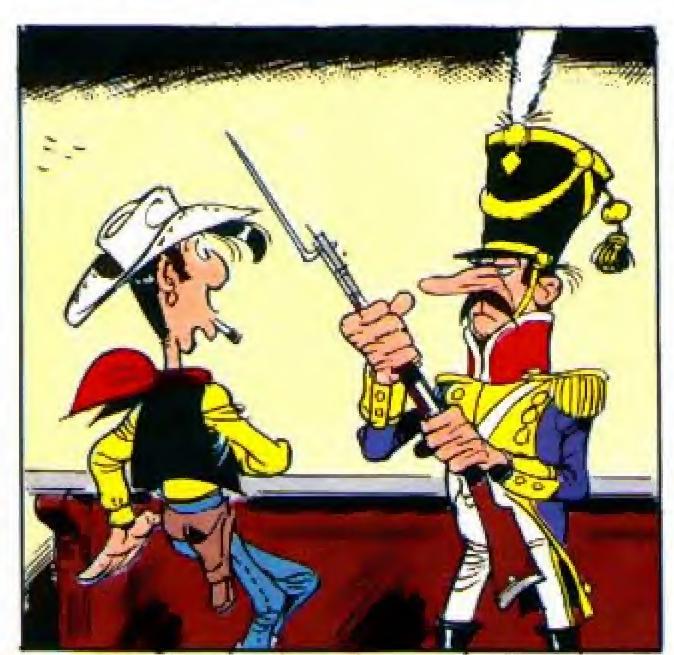




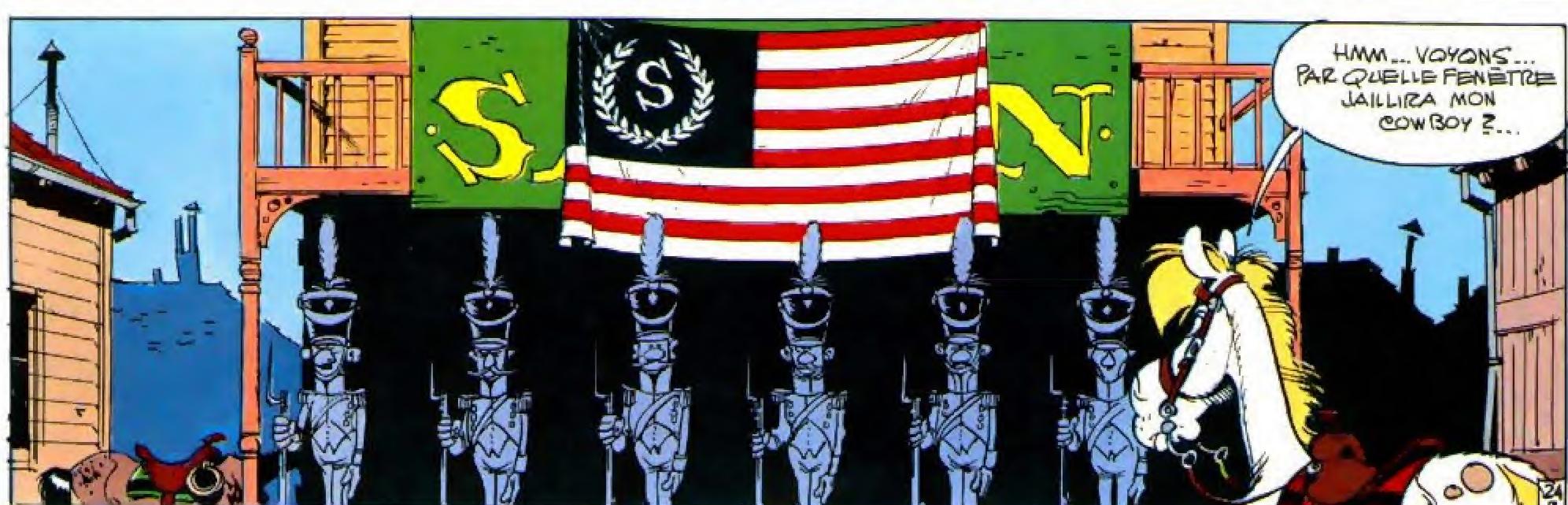


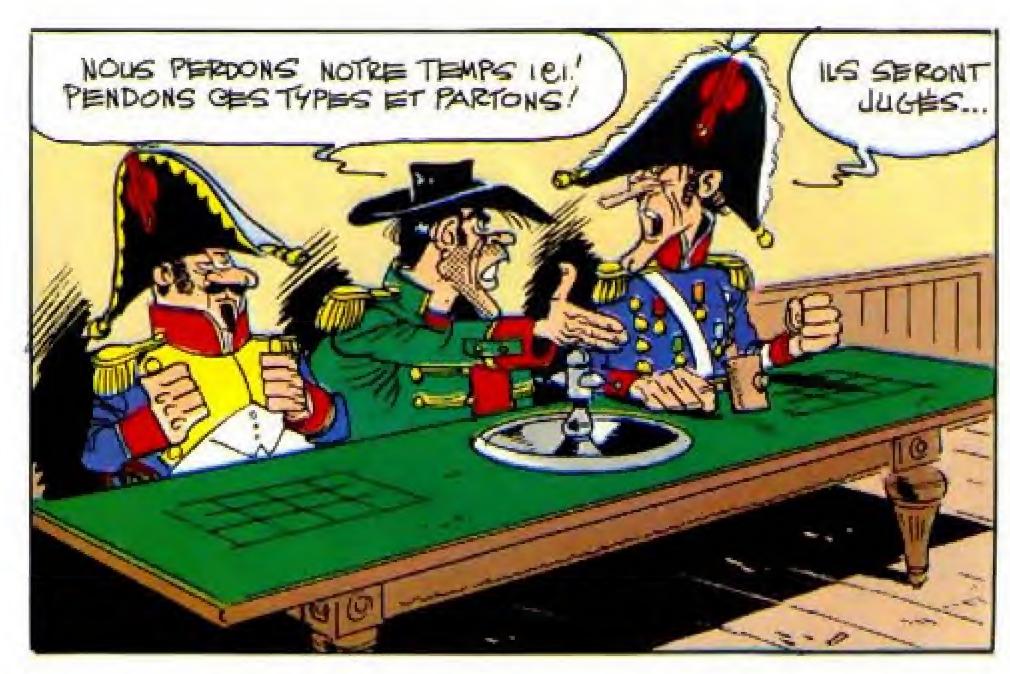


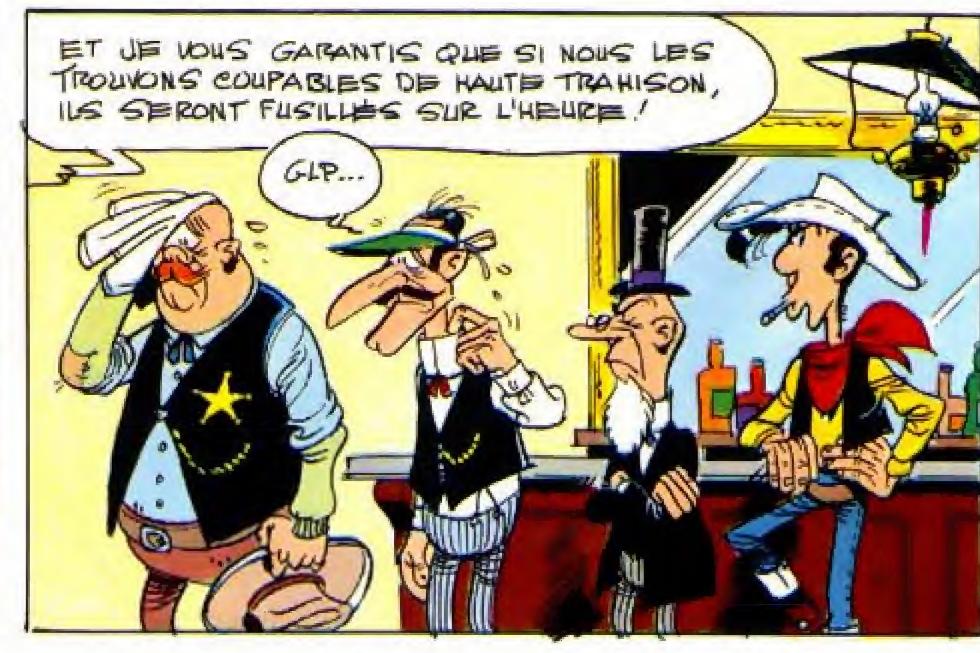






















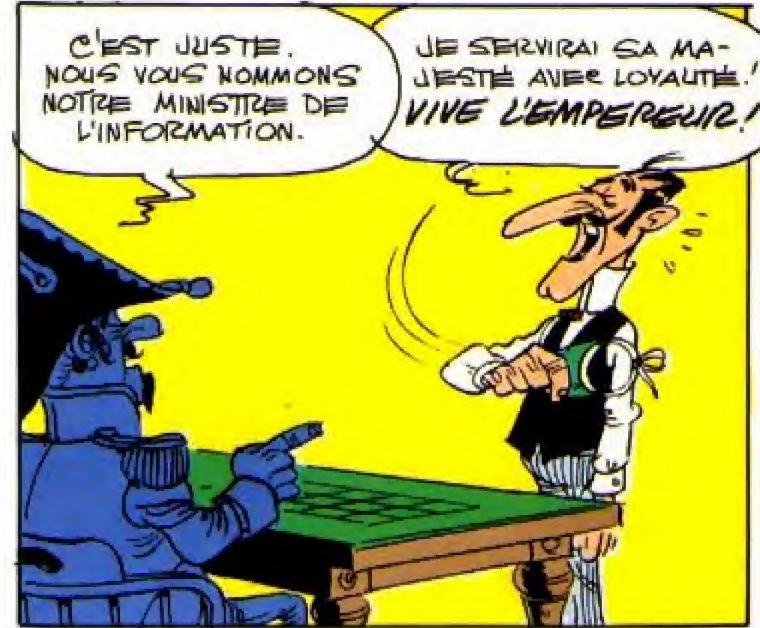








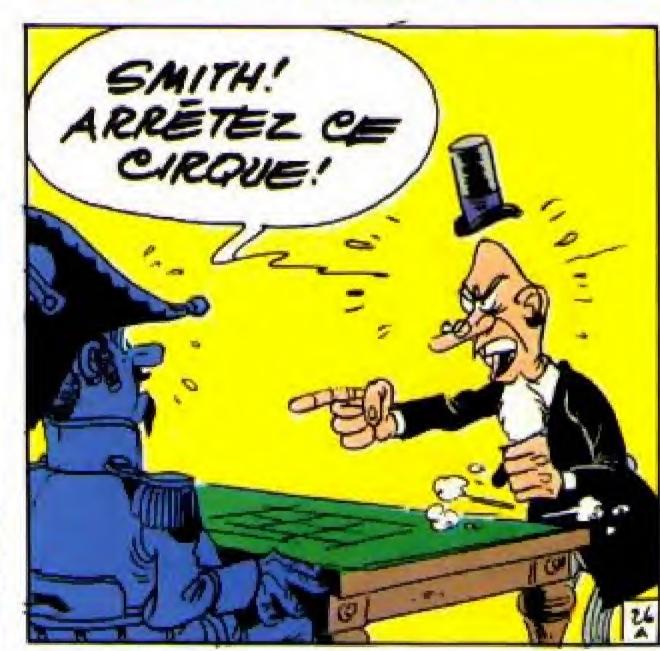










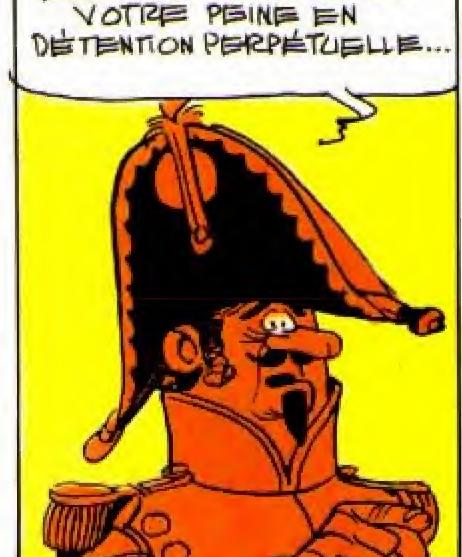












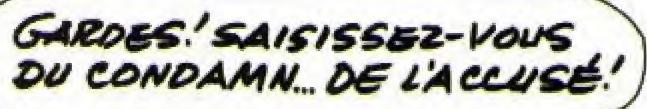
EUH ... NOUS COMMUONS

ALLONS JUGER LE DERNIER ACCUSÉ DE LA JOURNÉE : LUCKY LUKE!

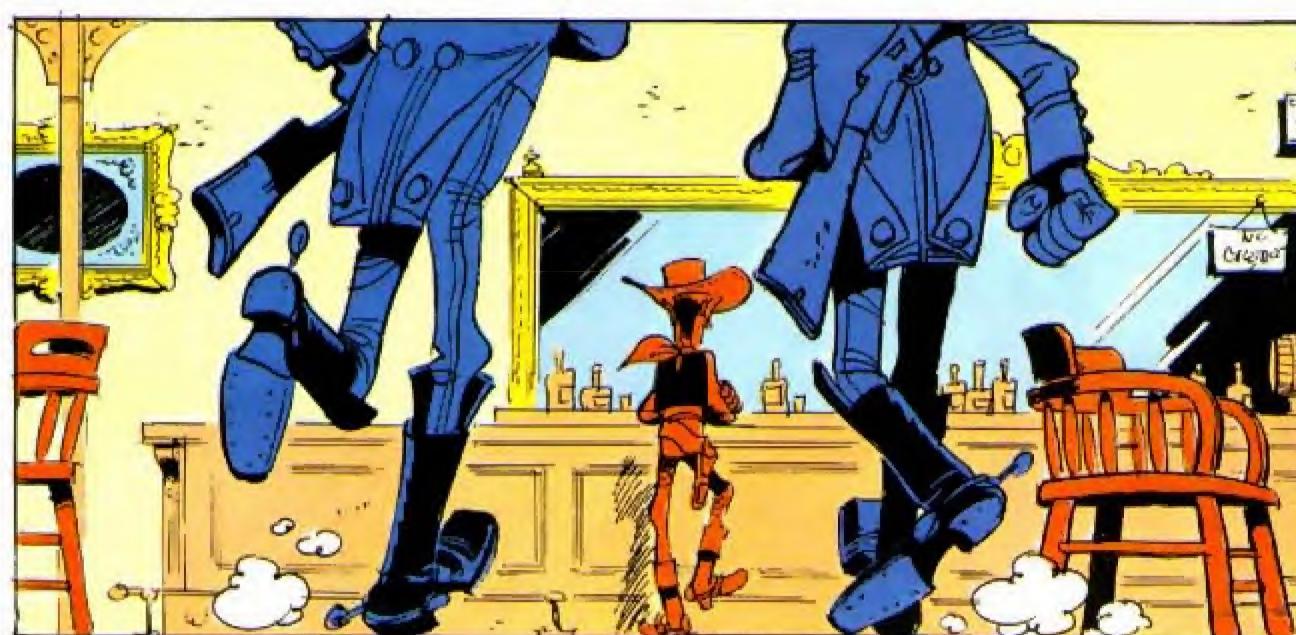


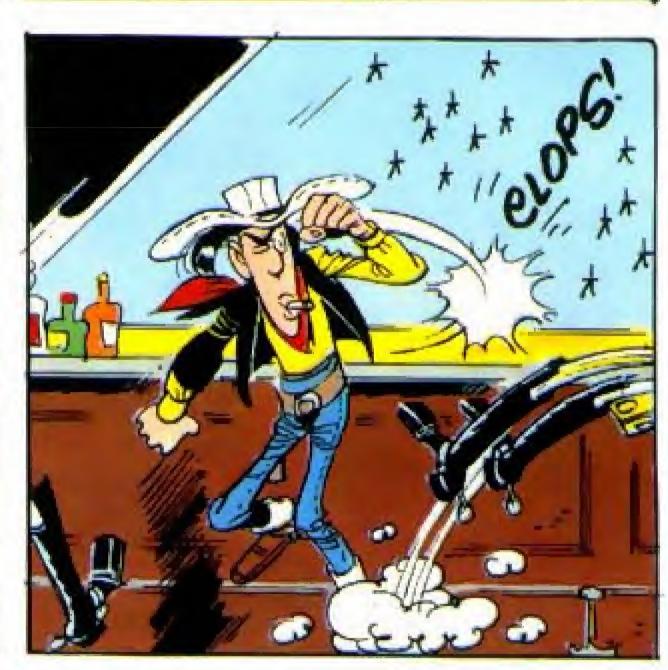


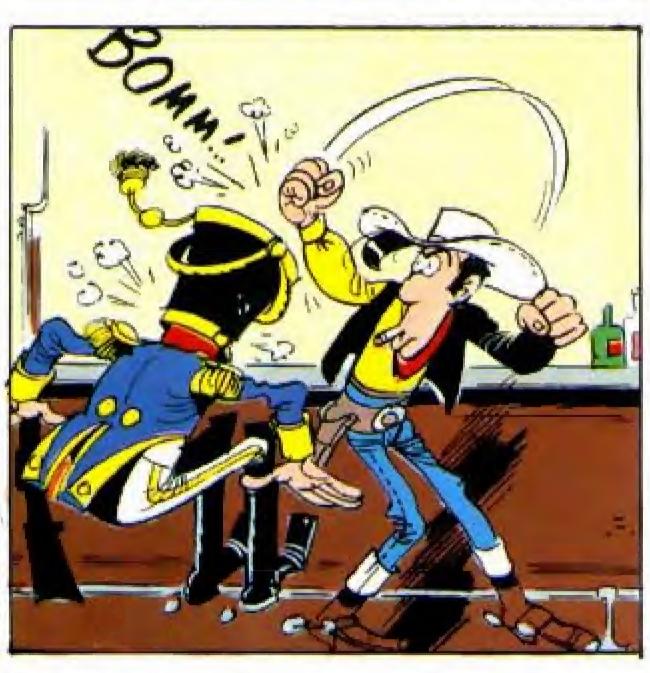






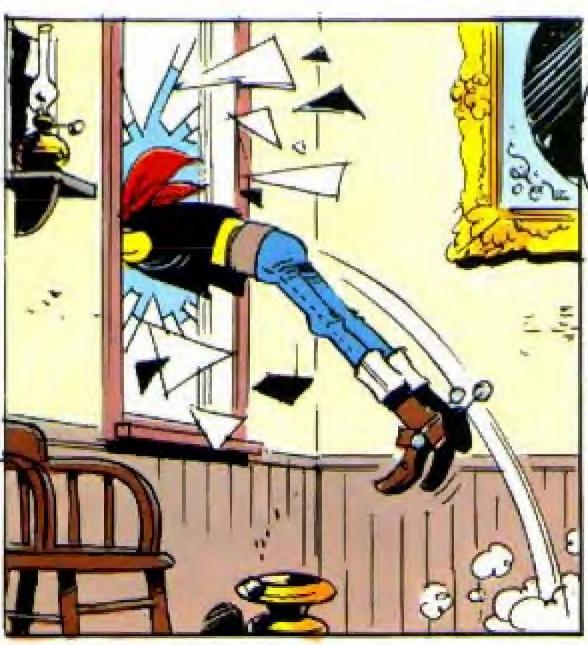


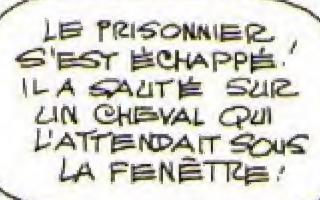










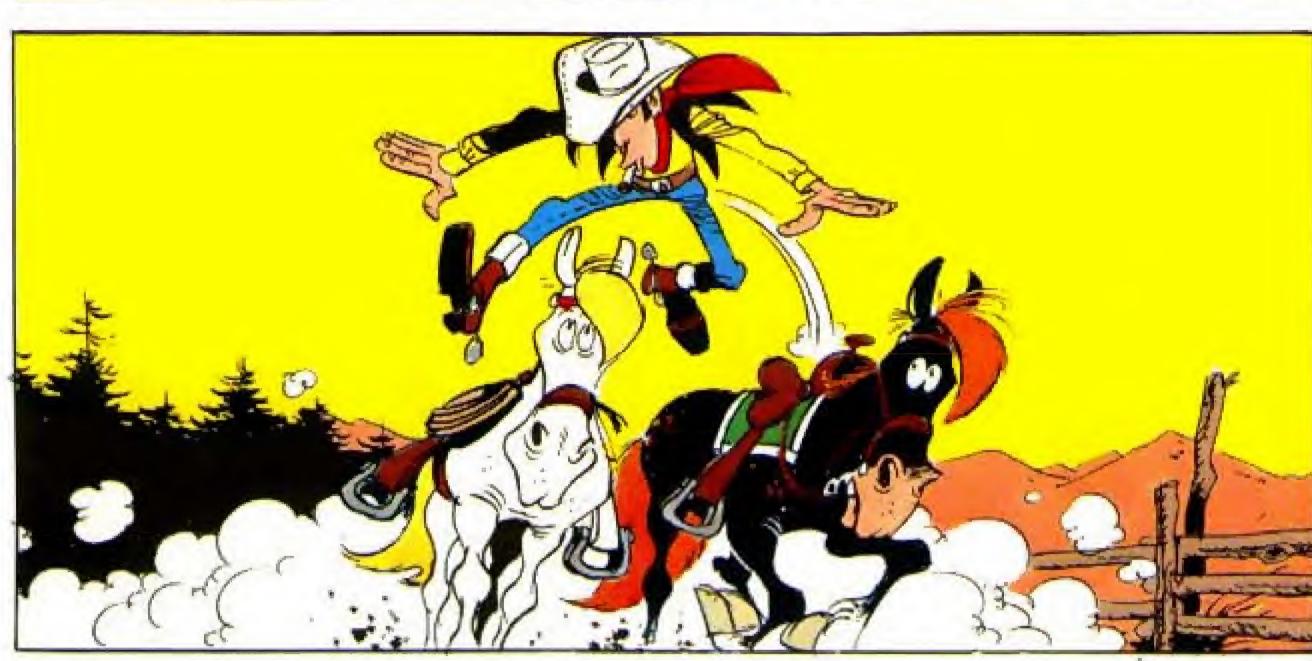








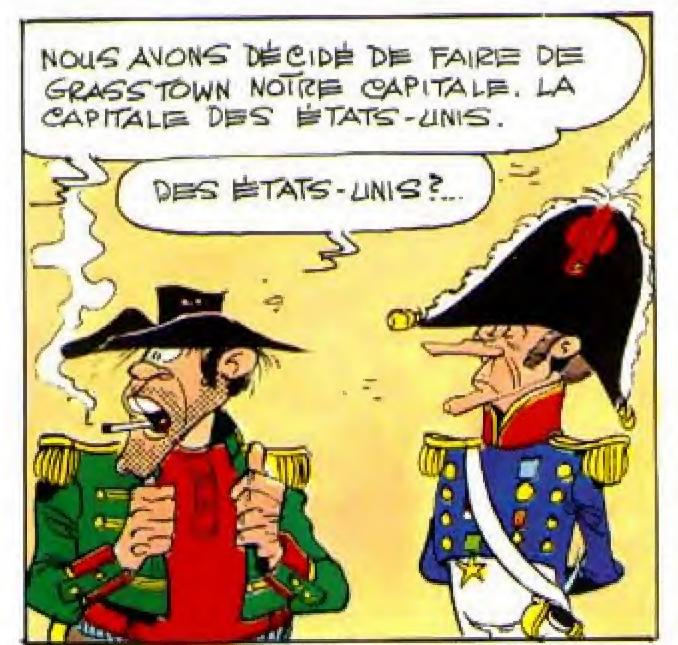
















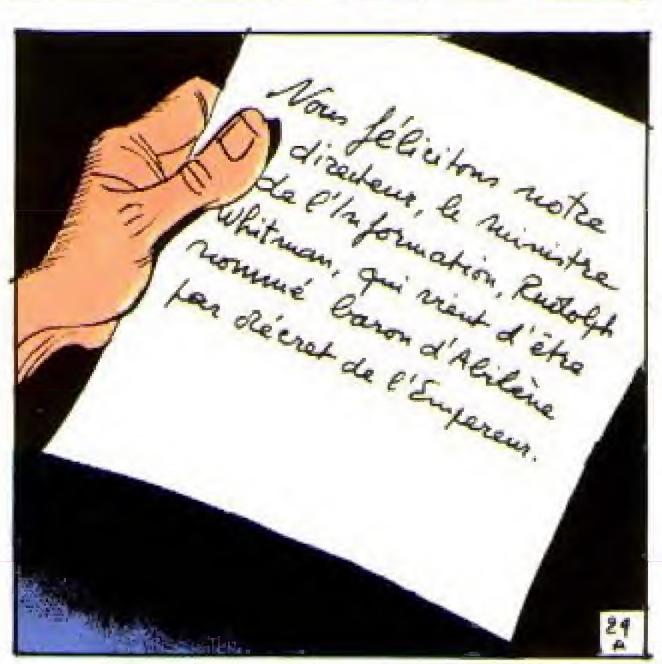




















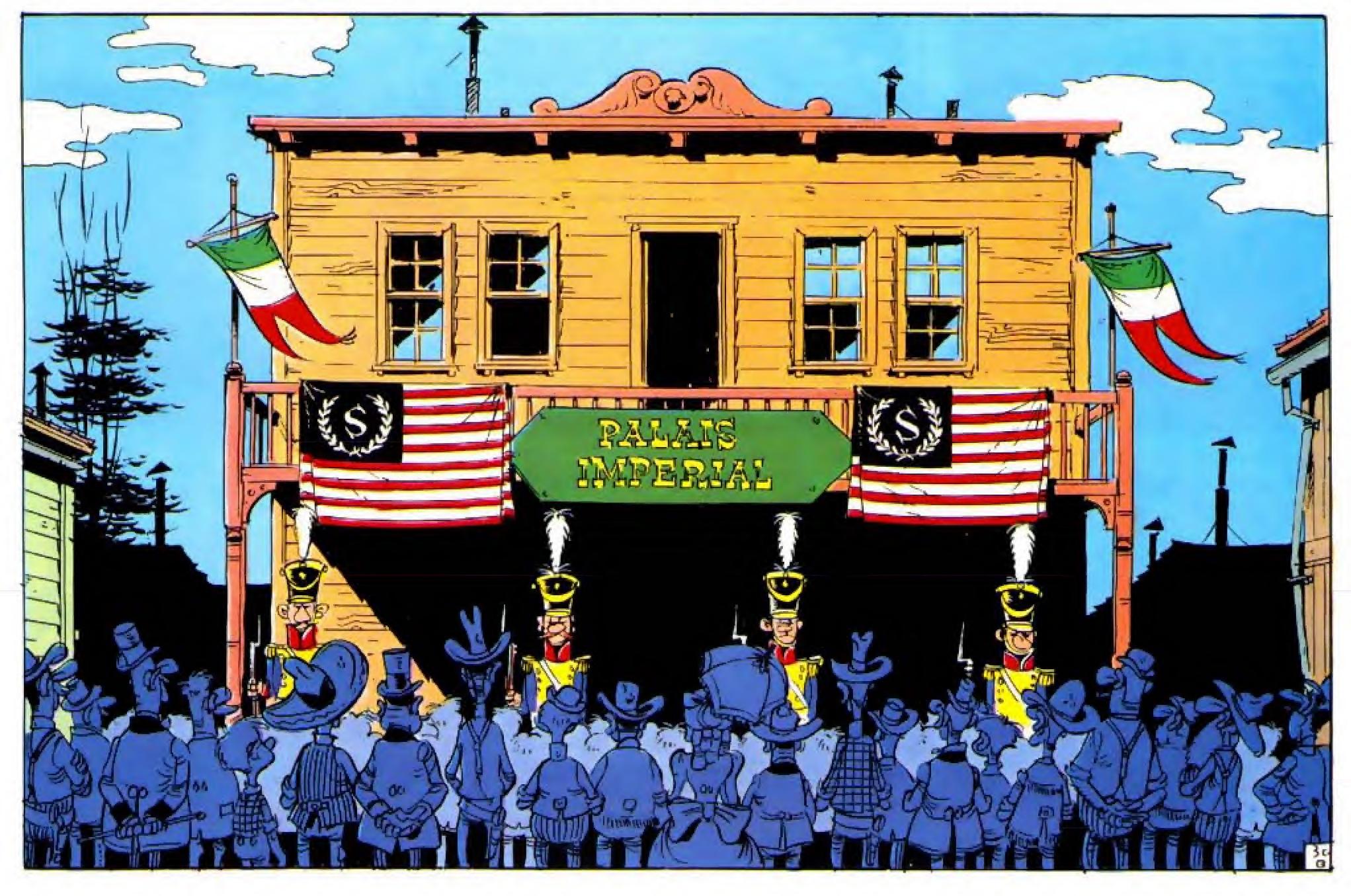


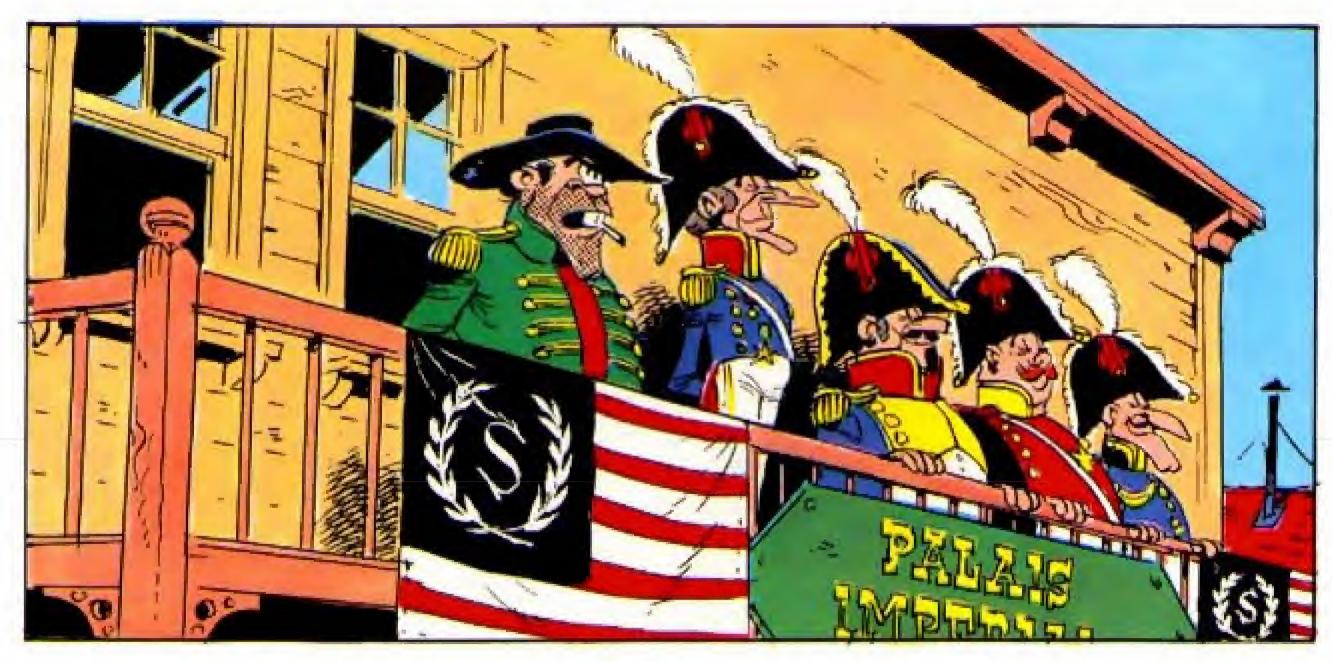






















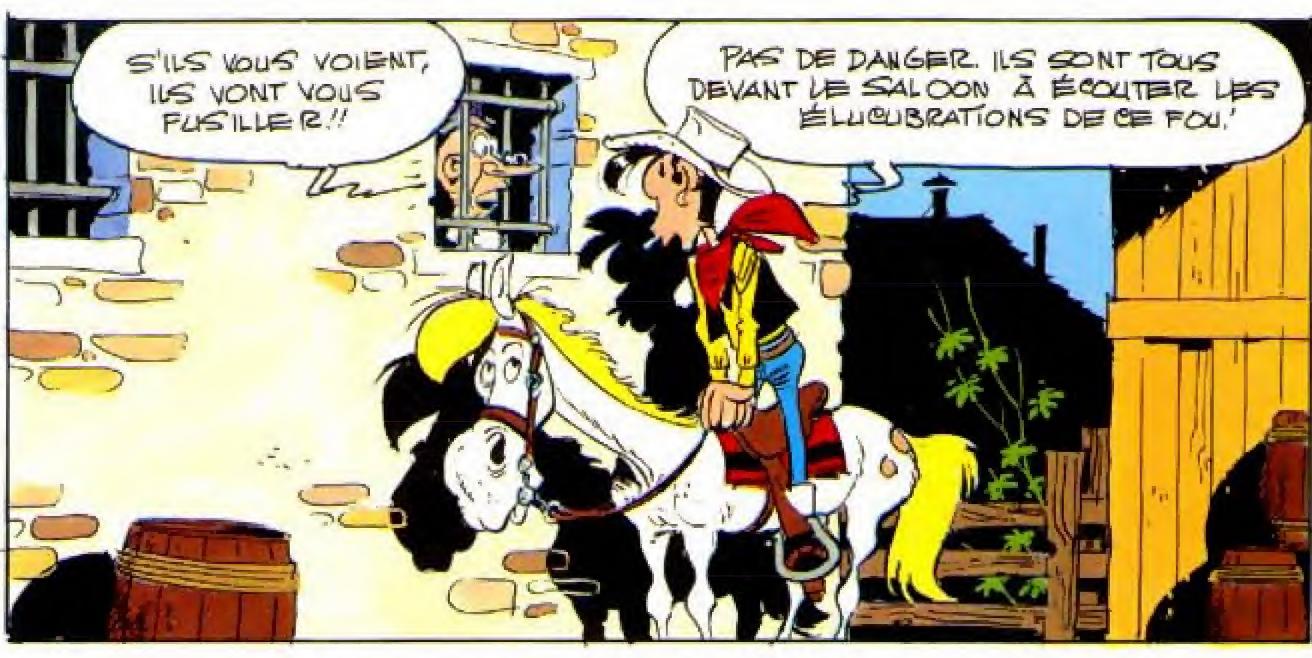


















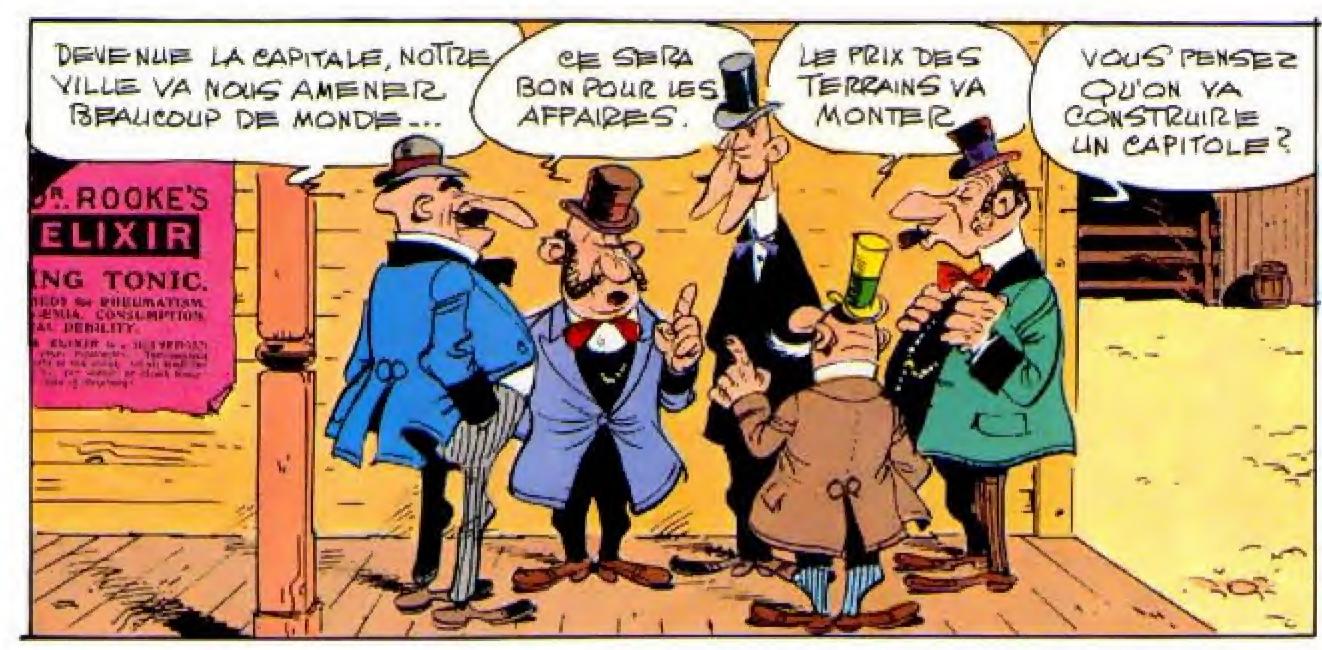
CHANTE. EN CE QUI ME CONCERNE, PRETEZ-MOI QUELQUES TYPES ET QUELQUES CANONS, ET---



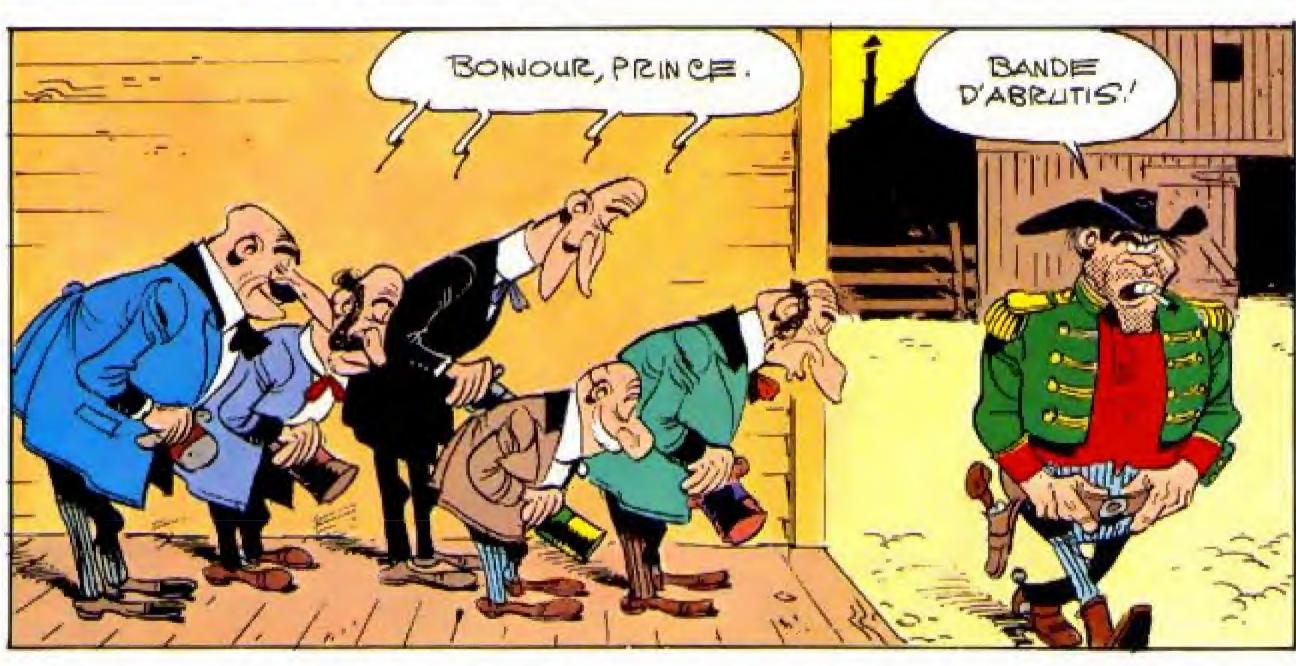










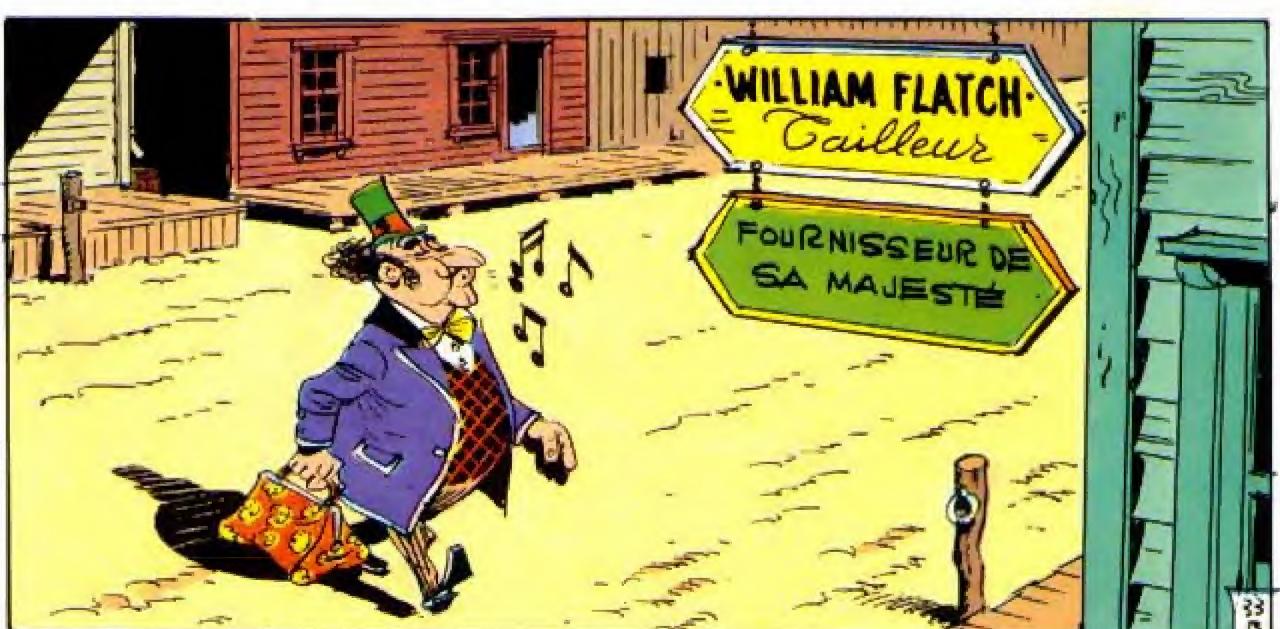






















LA VOTRE NE VALIDRA PAS LOURD SI VOUS NE FAITES PAS CE QUE JE DIS. LE MARCHÉ EST MAUSSADE EN CE MOMENT POUR LES TÊTES TROUÉES...

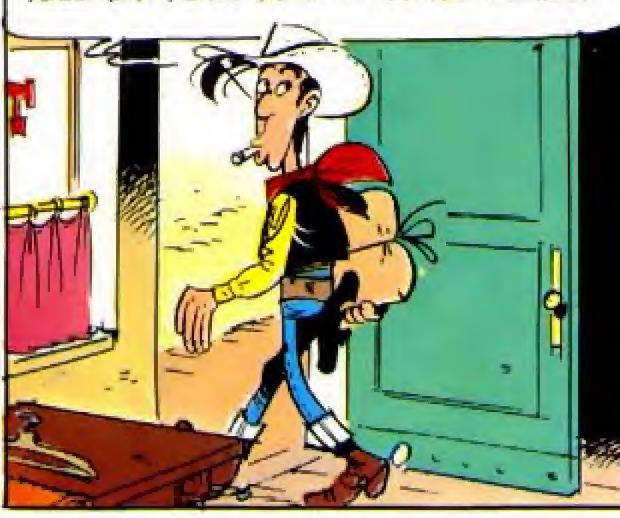


TOUT CE QUE JE VEUX, C'EST LINE TENLIE DE LAQUAIS POUIZ LINE TENLIE COMPLÈTE.

CERTAINEMENT!

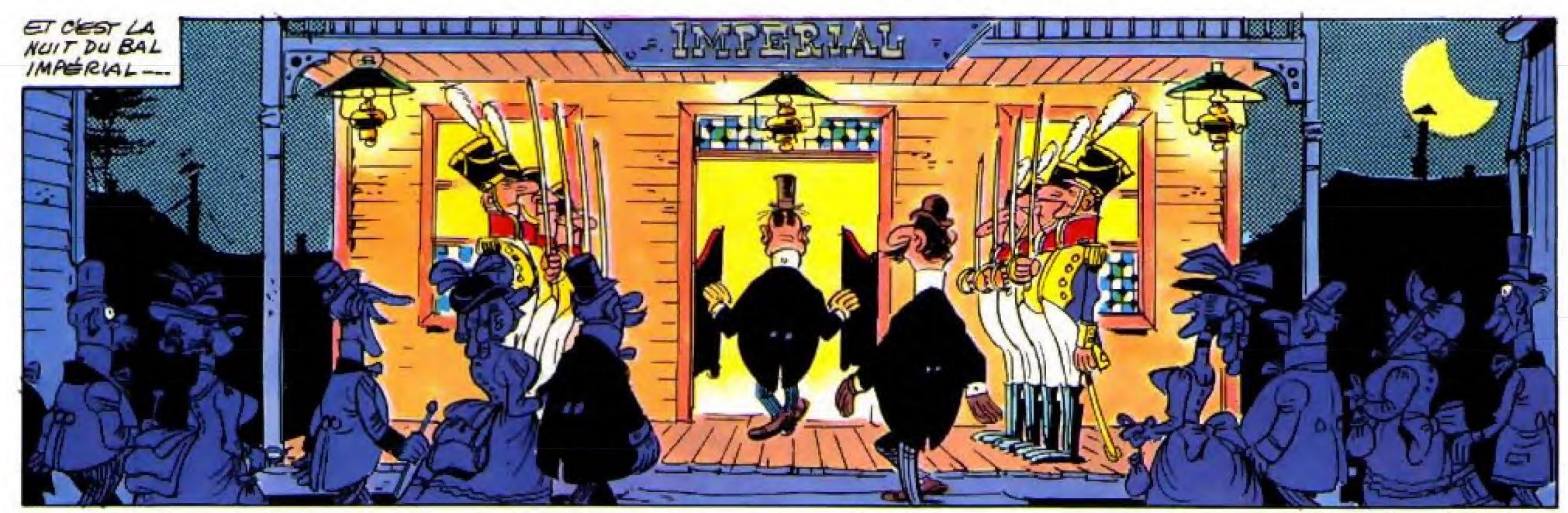


SI VOUS VOUS FAITES LE COMPLICE DE CES DINGUES, EN FAIT D'UNFORME VOUS EN PORTEREZ UN RAYE. SALUT.











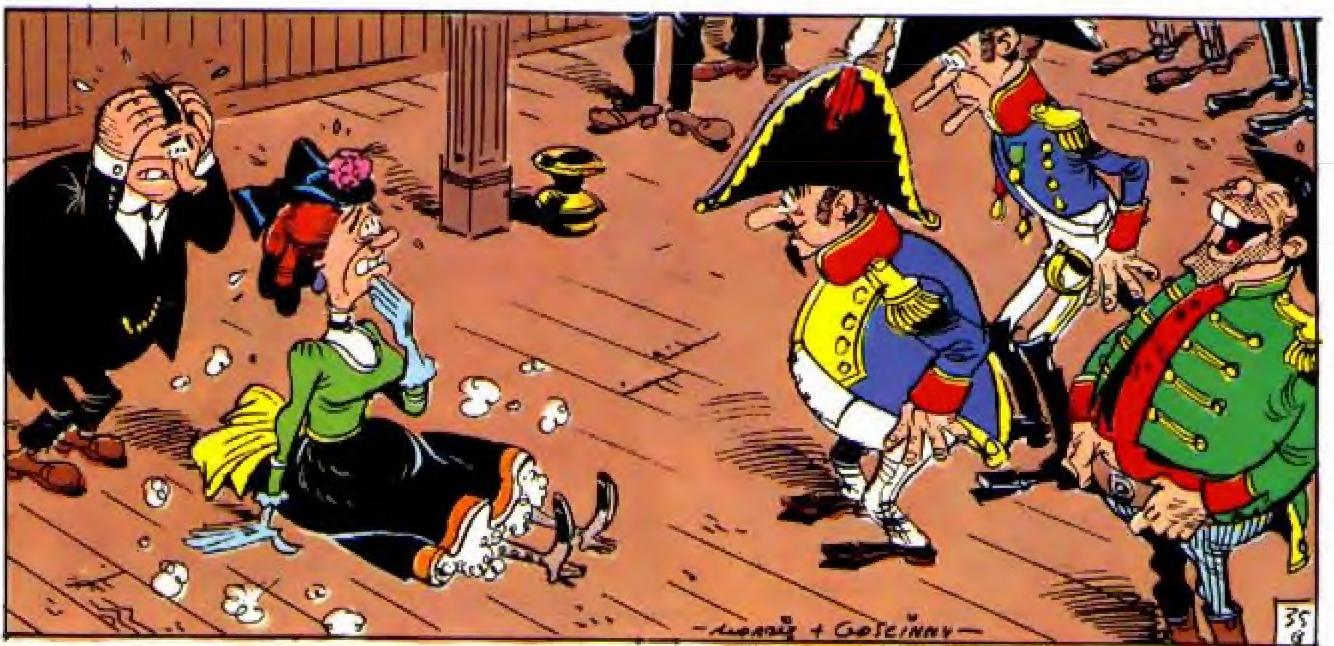












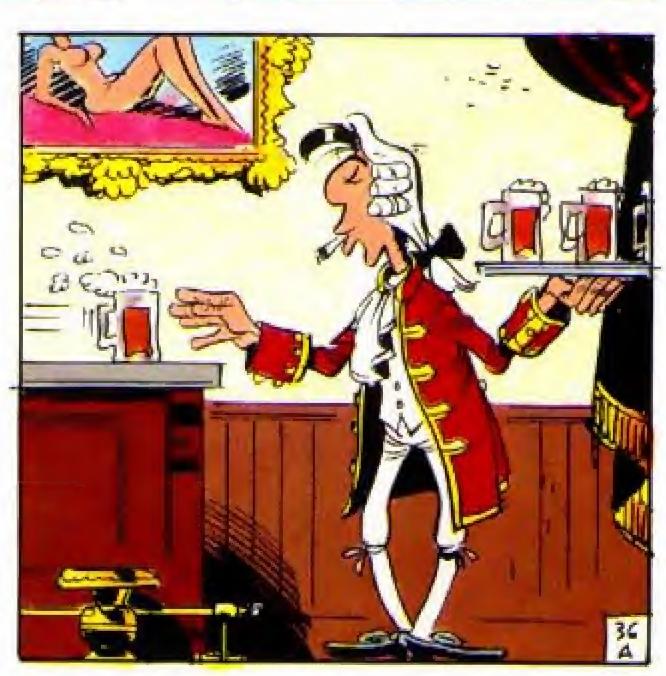










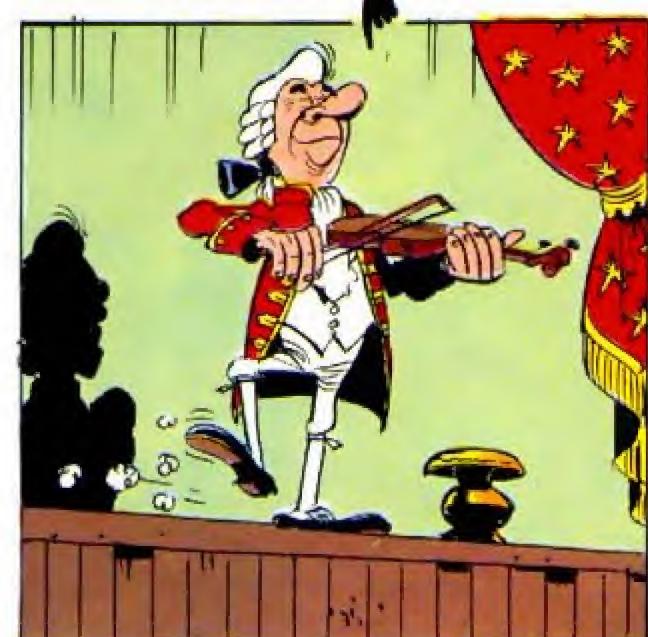


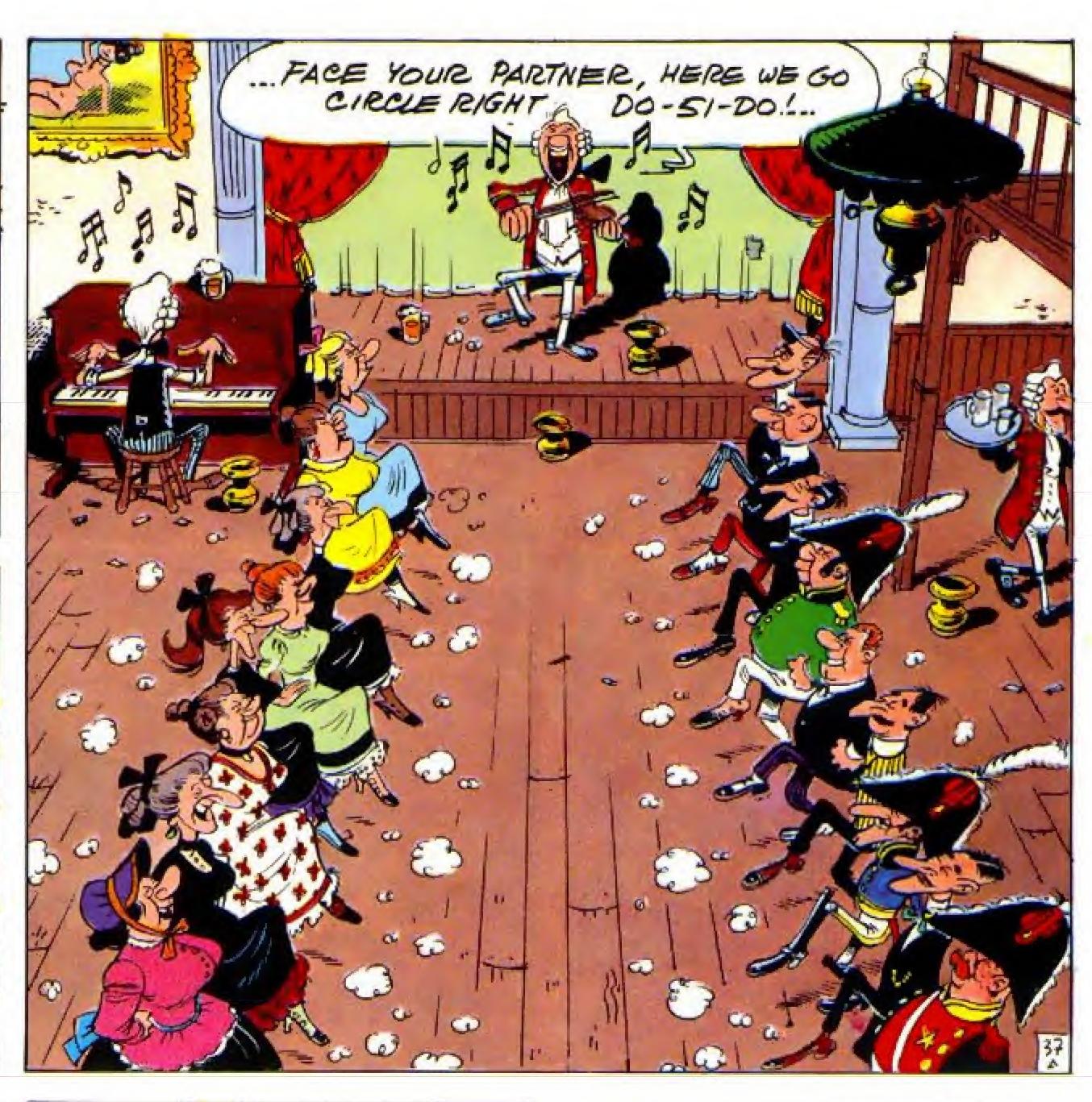
















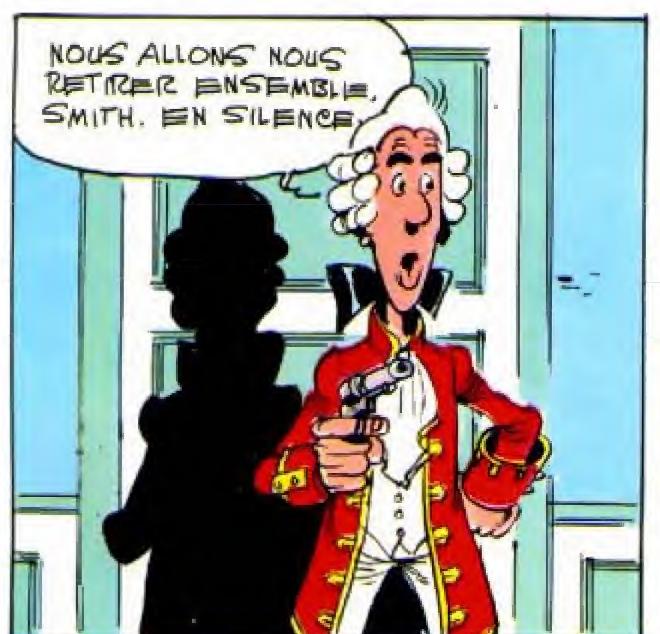










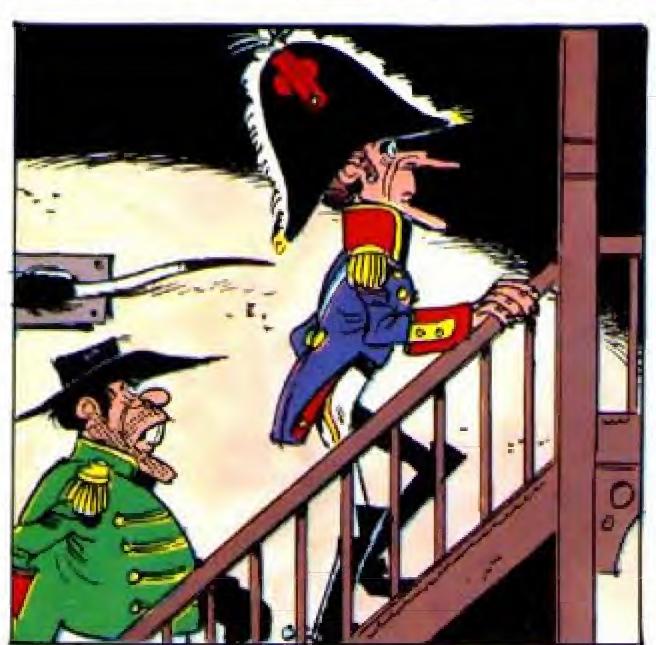




























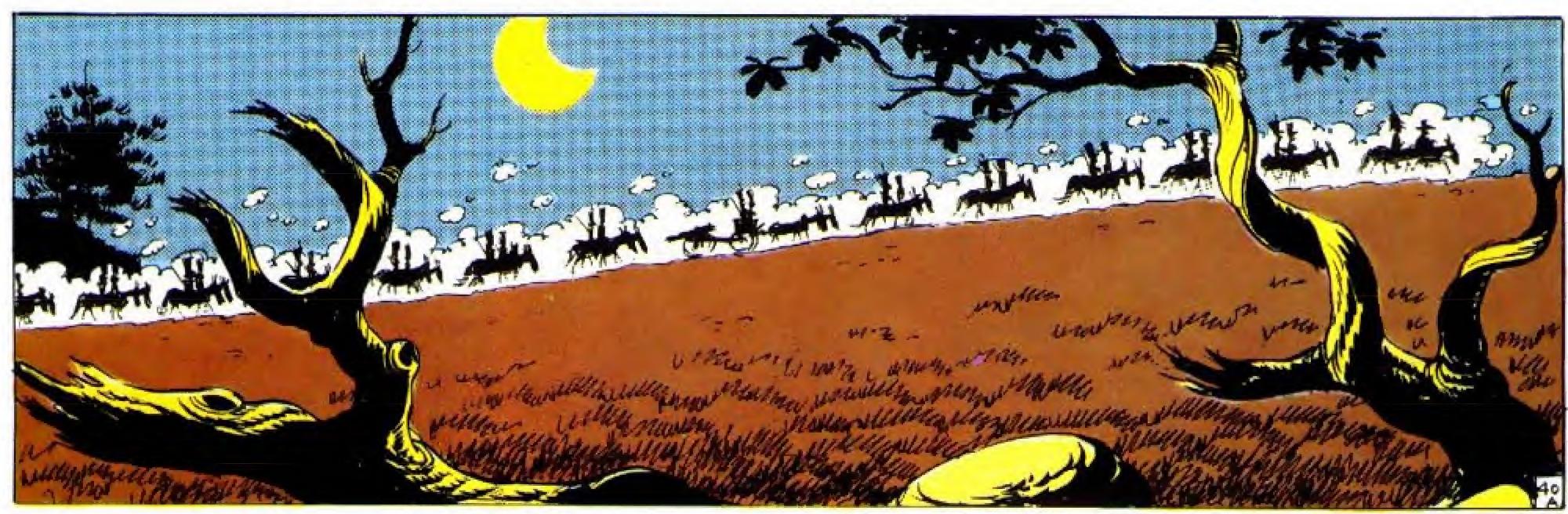




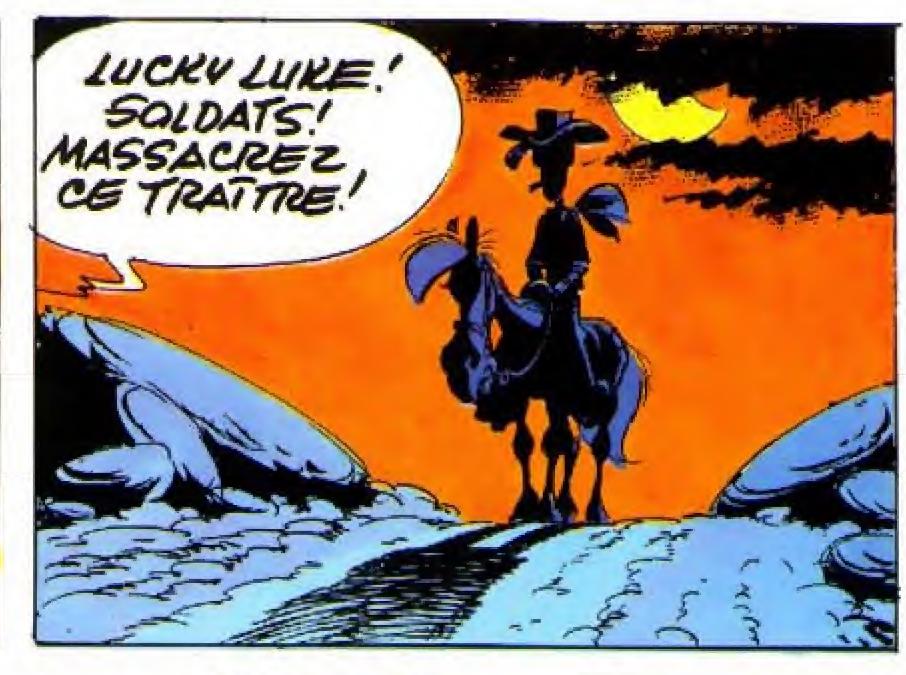




























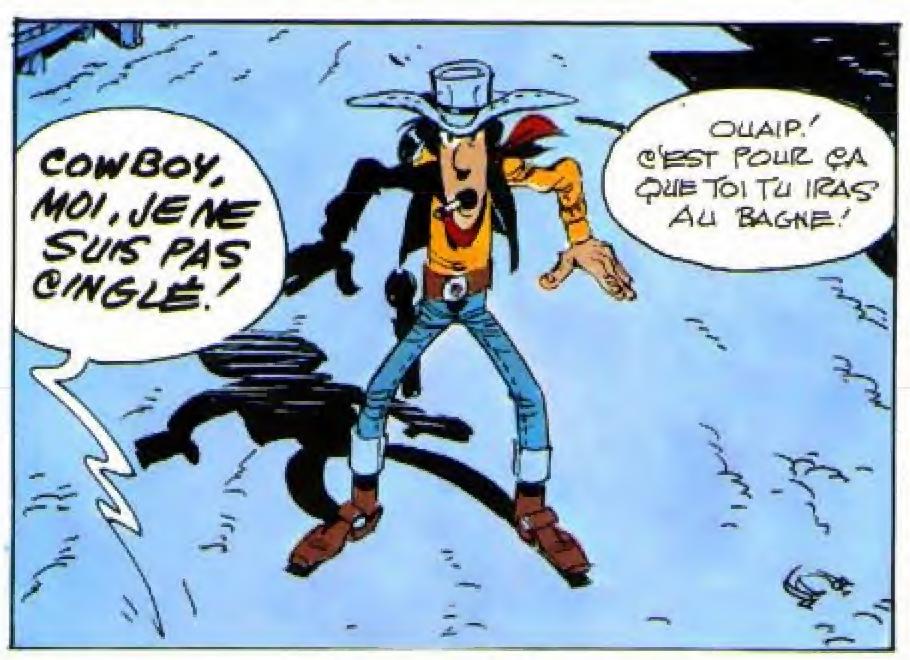


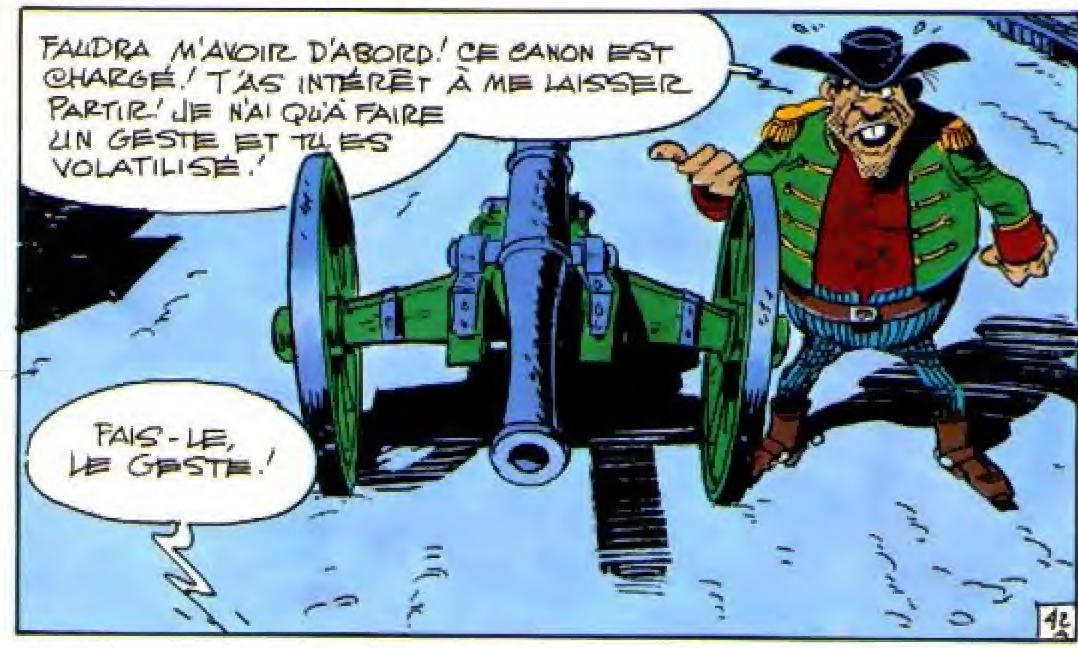






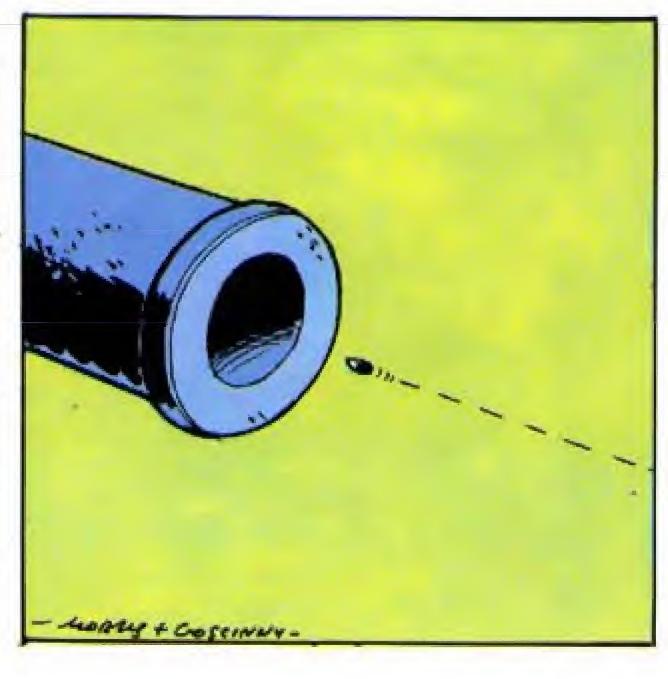




















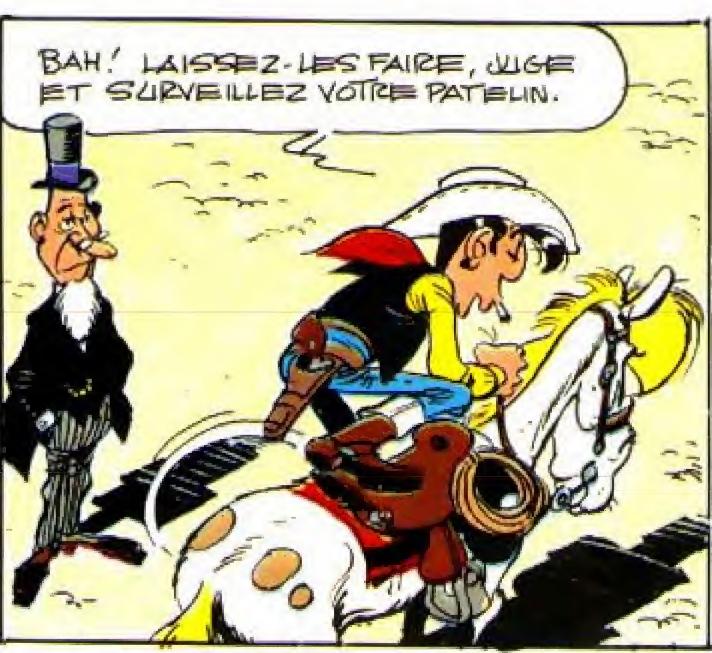




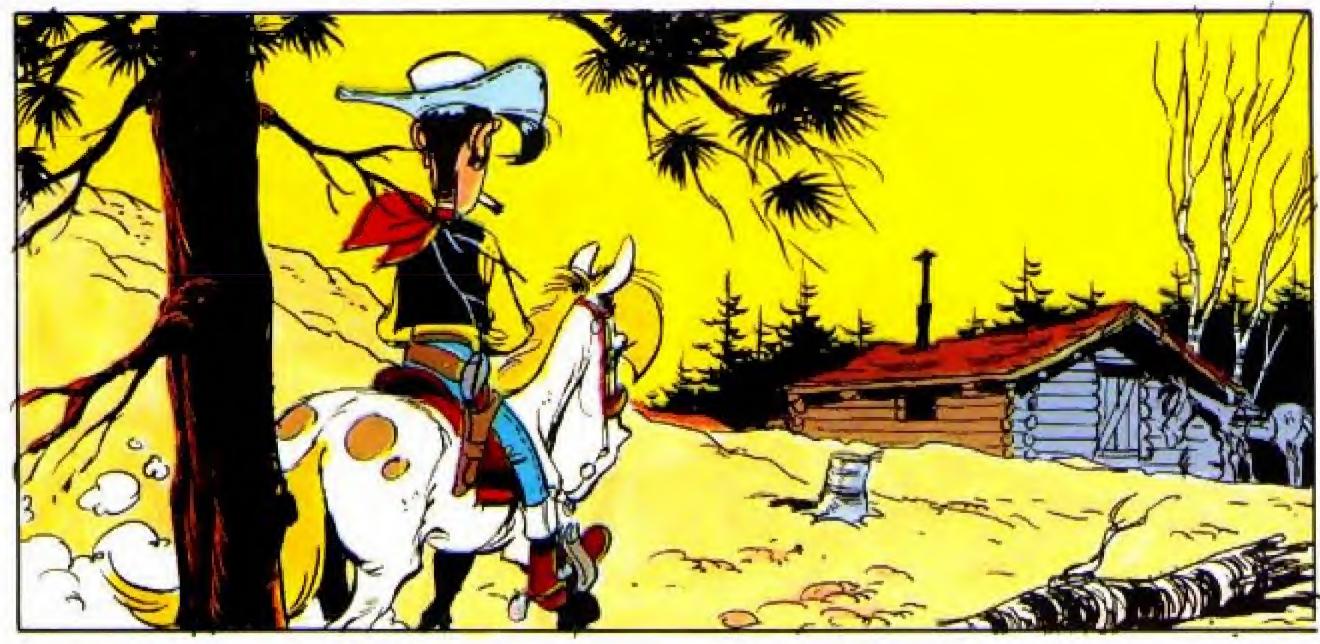


















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Aussi invraisemblable que cela puisse paraître, l'aventure de Dean Smith, "empereur des Etats-Unis", est basée sur des faits historiques.

En effet, quelques personnages excentriques ont rêvé de transformer en monarchie la jeune et grande République américaine. Le plus célèbre d'entre eux fut un certain Joshua A. Norton, né en Grande-Bretagne le 4 février 1819. Arrivé à San Francisco en 1849, il se lança aussitôt dans les affaires. Intelligent et rusé, il fit rapidement fortune dans l'immobilier et l'importation. Mais, quelques années plus tard, Norton fut ruiné dans une malheureuse affaire de céréales; ce désastre financier lui fit perdre la raison.

C'est alors qu'une obsession prit corps dans son esprit malade : il décida qu'il était Norton I<sup>er</sup>, empereur des Etats-Unis. N'ayant plus d'argent, il ne put lever une armée, acheter des armes et s'entourer de faste; il était donc parfaitement inoffensif.

Les citoyens de San Francisco furent amusés par ce petit homme ridicule qui s'était arrogé les titres ronflants d'empereur des Etats-Unis et de protecteur du Mexique. Bientôt, ce fut une plaisanterie courante que de lui envoyer des télégrammes signés de chefs d'Etat, et de publier des proclamations fantaisistes portant son nom.

L'empereur Norton devint vite populaire; c'était un homme bon et courtois, et quand il mourut le 8 janvier 1880, plus de 10 000 personnes assistèrent à son enterrement.

Il était entré de plain-pied dans le panthéon des farfelus qui, à leur manière, contribuèrent à forger la formidable légende de l'Ouest.





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